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Herpes Simplex Virus 1 and 2 Detection by Real-Time PCR Assay

Laboratory Submission Information Sheet

Reporting of suspect case to Maine CDC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •No
Required To Submit Laboratory Specimen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •No
Required Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Information on requisition must include: suspected organism, patient name, DOB, date of collection, specimen source or type, submitter name and contact information. •Important: all specimens must be labeled with patient name and be accompanied by a HETL requisition.
Specimen Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Collect lesion material on polyester swab and place in sterile viral transport medium (VTM) •Cerebral Spinal Fluid (CSF) (0.5ml minimum, 1ml preferred) . DO NOT DILUTE •ONLY synthetic-tipped swabs (Polyester, Rayon, Dacron) with plastic shafts should be used.
Collection Instructions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Swabs from suspect lesion(s) in VTM /CSF may be kept at refrigerated temperature until shipped. Viral isolates may be frozen at -70°C and shipped on sufficient dry ice to maintain specimens in a frozen state. Contact the Virology section prior to submission of viral isolates.
Turn Around Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Results should be expected within 24-48hrs from business days of specimen PCR results are generally available within 24 hours after arrival. •Culture results are generally available within 7 days after arrival.
Unacceptable Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Specimens received without a form and clinical details or with insufficient material to analyze. •Do not use wooden shaft or calcium alginate swabs.
Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Herpes Simplex Virus DNA NOT found Herpes Simplex Virus 1 detected; Herpes Simplex Virus 2 detected •No Herpes Simplex Virus isolated OR Herpes Simplex Virus isolated. •All results will be reported only to submitter as stated on requisition via mail or fax.
Laboratory Testing Fee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •PCR for CSF: \$243.00, all other specimens are \$110.00 •Fee waived if testing/identification is part of an outbreak investigation by Maine CDC
Applicable CPT Codes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •87798 (PCR)
Additional Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Bacteriology at 207-287-1704, Virology, Respiratory, Arbovirus, and Serology at 207-287-1722 •Molecular Biology, Sequencing, and Foodborne at 207-287-5769 •Mycobacterium and Rabies at 207-287-1706 •CT/GC at 207-287-6244