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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	• No
Required To Submit Laboratory Specimen	• No
Required Information	• Information on requisition must include: test requested, patient name, DOB, date of collection, specimen source or type, submitter name and contact information. • **Important: all specimens must be labeled with patient name, DOB or other unique identifier, and be accompanied by a HETL requisition.**
Specimen Requirements	• 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	• Store specimens at 2-8°C until ready for shipping. • Specimens should be submitted to lab as soon as possible. Use cold packs to maintain 2-8°C during delivery.
Turn Around Time	• Results are generally available within 1 - 3 business days of specimen receipt
Unacceptable Conditions	• Specimens received without a form and clinical details or with insufficient material to analyze. • Using wooden shaft or calcium alginate swabs. • CSF diluted in any form will not be tested
Results	• Herpes simplex virus 1 DNA Detected; Herpes simplex virus 2 DNA Detected; Herpes simplex virus 1 AND 2 Detected; Herpes simplex virus DNA Not Detected • Results will only be reported to the submitter listed on the requisition
Laboratory Testing Fee	• $110.00
Applicable CPT Codes	• 87798 (PCR)
Additional Information	• Bacteriology at 207-287-1704, • Virology, Respiratory, Arbovirus, Serology, and STI at 207-287-1722 • Molecular Biology, Sequencing, and Foodborne at 207-287-5769 • Mycobacterium and Rabies at 207-287-1706