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Detection of the West Nile Virus (WNV), Saint Louis Encephalitis Virus (SLE), and Eastern Equine Encephalitis Virus (EEE) By Microsphere Immune Assay

Laboratory Submission Information Sheet

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Reporting of suspect case to Maine CDC	•Yes: WNV, SLE and EEE are a Notifiable Conditions. If you have not already done so, please report suspect or confirmed cases to the Maine CDC via the disease reporting line: 1-800-821-5821 (24hrs/day 7 days/week.)
Required To Submit Laboratory Specimen	•NO, however, submission of samples of suspect cases is recommended. •HETL Arbovirus submission form is required, in addition to the HETLrequisition form
Required Information	 Information on requisition must include: suspected organism, patient name, DOB, date of collection, specimen source or type, or isolate, submitter name and contact information. Important: all specimens must be labeled with patient name and be accompanied by a HETL requisition.
Specimen Requirements	Cerebral Spinal Fluid (CSF) 1.0ml minimum, 2.0ml preferred Serum: 1.0ml minimum
Collection Instructions	 Spinal Fluid: Collect acute specimens 2–10days after onset of symptoms in sterile container. Serum: Collect acute specimens immediately, in serum separator tube. Convalescent specimen may be submitted 2 – 3 weeks after acute sample Samples should be stored at 2-8°C.
Turn Around Time	•Results are generally available within 5-7 business days of specimen receipt
Unacceptable Conditions	• Specimens received without a form and clinical details or with insufficient material to analyze • Specimens in poorly labeled or leaking container • Do not freeeze
Results	•WNV IgM-Negative or Positive; EEE IgM-Negative or Positive; SLE IgM-Negative or Positive. •Specimens may be submitted to federal CDC for further testing •Results will only be reported to the submitter listed on the requisition
Laboratory Testing Fee	•\$110
Applicable CPT Codes	•86788 - WNV •86653 - SLE •86652 - EEE
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