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## Carbapenem Resistance Detection by mCIM Laboratory Submission Information Sheet

	Laboratory Submission Information Sneet
Reporting of suspect case to Maine CDC	•Yes: 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.). CRE is also known as carbapenem resistant organism, carbapenemase producing organism.
Required To Submit Laboratory Specimen	•Isolate submission is required for all carbapenemase-producing carbapenem-resistant organisms. If phenotypic or resistance mechanism test results are not available for a carbapenem-resistant organism, then isolate submission of the carbapenem-resistant organism is required to determine carbapenemase-producing status.
Required Information	<ul> <li>Information on requisition must include: suspected organism if known or required, patient name, DOB, date of collection, specimen source or type, submitter name and contact information.</li> <li>Important: all specimens must be labeled with patient name, DOB or other unique identifier, and be accompanied by a HETL requisition.</li> </ul>
Specimen Requirements	<ul> <li>Submit a fresh Bacterial isolate on slant, plate or broth.</li> <li>Submit all antibiotic susceptibility data.</li> </ul>
Collection Instructions	<ul> <li>DO NOT submit clinical material</li> <li>Isolates should be sent on appropriate biological growth media.</li> <li>Ship samples at ambient temperature</li> </ul>
Turn Around Time	•Results are generally available within 5 business days of specimen receipt
Rejection Criteria	<ul> <li>Specimens received without a requisition form, clinical details or with insufficient material to analyze. Specimens in poorly labeled, unlabeled, or leaking containers. Specimens transported at incorrect temperature.</li> <li>Mixed cultures.</li> </ul>
Results	<ul> <li>mCIM positive, negative, or indeterminate.</li> <li>Results will only be reported to the submitter listed on the requisition.</li> </ul>
Laboratory Testing Fee	•Fee Waived
Applicable CPT Codes	• 87184 (disc method)
Additional Information	<ul> <li>Bacteriology at 207-287-1704</li> <li>Virology, Respiratory, Arbovirus, Serology, and STI at 207-287-1722</li> <li>Molecular Biology, Sequencing, and Foodborne at 207-287-5769</li> <li>Mycobacterium and Rabies at 207-287-1706</li> </ul>