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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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Information on requisition must include: test requested, patient name, DOB, date of collection, specimen source or type, submitter name and contact information.</li><li>•<b>Important: all specimens must be labeled with patient name, DOB or other unique identifier, and be accompanied by a HETL requisition.</b></li></ul>
Specimen Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Collect lesion material on polyester swab and place in sterile viral transport medium (VTM)</li><li>•Cerebral Spinal Fluid (CSF) (0.5ml minimum, 1ml preferred) . DO NOT DILUTE</li><li>•ONLY synthetic-tipped swabs (Polyester, Rayon, Dacron) with plastic shafts should be used.</li></ul>
Collection Instructions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Store specimens at 2-8°C until ready for shipping.</li><li>•Non-CSF specimens should be submitted in viral transport media or other appropriate transport media.</li><li>•Specimens should be submitted to lab as soon as possible. Use frozen cold packs to transport samples to the lab.</li></ul>
Turn Around Time	•Results are generally available within 1 - 3 business days of specimen receipt
Unacceptable Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Specimens received without a form and clinical details or with insufficient material to analyze.</li><li>•Using wooden shaft or calcium alginate swabs.</li><li>•CSF diluted in any form will not be tested</li></ul>
Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•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</li><li>•Results will only be reported to the submitter listed on the requisition</li></ul>
Laboratory Testing Fee	•\$110.00
Applicable CPT Codes	•87798 (PCR)
Additional Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><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>