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Haemophilus influenzae Detection by Culture

Laboratory Submission Information Sheet

Reporting of suspect case to Maine CDC	•Yes: Haemophilus influenzae is a Notifiable Condition. 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	•Yes
Required Information	•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. •Important: all specimens must be labeled with patient name and be accompanied by a HETL requisition.
Specimen Requirements	•Isolates
Collection Instructions	• Isolates should be sent on appropriate biological growth media, preferably in a gas pack. • Ship samples at ambient temperature
Turn Around Time	• Results are generally available within 24-36 hrs of specimen receipt. • Samples requiring culture and isolation may extend turn-around-time by 72 hours
Rejection Criteria	• 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.
Results	•Report will include species identification, and typing. •Haemophilus influenzae not found. •Results will only be reported to the submitter listed on the requisition
Laboratory Testing Fee	•Fee Waived
Applicable CPT Codes	•87147 X6 (Tests for 6 subtypes) •87040 (culture for blood) •87070 (culture for other source)
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