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Listeria Detection by Culture *Laboratory Submission Information Sheet*

Reporting of suspect case to Maine CDC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yes: Listeria 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yes
Required Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Isolates
Collection Instructions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Isolates should be sent on appropriate biological growth media. Ship samples at ambient temperature,
Turn Around Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Results are generally available within 24-36 hrs of specimen receipt.
Rejection Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Report will include species identification.• No Listeria found.• Results will only be reported to the submitter listed on the requisition.
Laboratory Testing Fee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fee Waived
Applicable CPT Codes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 87046 (culture-clinical specimens)
Additional Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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