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## Unknown Miscellaneous Bacteria Detection by Culture *Laboratory Submission Information Sheet*

Reporting of suspect case to Maine CDC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•NA</li></ul>
Required To Submit Laboratory Specimen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•NA</li></ul>
Required Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><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>•<b>Important: all specimens must be labeled with patient name and be accompanied by a HETL requisition.</b></li></ul>
Specimen Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Multiple sources are acceptable including: urine, blood, stool, CSF</li><li>•Isolates</li></ul>
Collection Instructions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Isolates should be sent on appropriate biological growth media</li><li>•Ship samples at ambient temperature</li></ul>
Turn Around Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Results are generally available within 48 hrs of specimen receipt.</li><li>•Samples requiring culture and isolation may extend turn-around-time by 72 hours</li></ul>
Rejection Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><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></ul>
Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Report will include species identification</li><li>•Results will only be reported to the submitter listed on the requisition</li></ul>
Laboratory Testing Fee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•\$50</li></ul>
Applicable CPT Codes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•87040 (culture from blood)</li><li>•87046 (culture from stool)</li><li>•87088 (culture from urine)</li><li>•87070 (all other sources)</li></ul>
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>