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TOPIC	DESCRIPTION
Test Name	Botulism Testing
Other Name (s)	N/A
Analyte(s)	<i>Clostridium botulinum</i>
Test Code	2600 – aerobic culture
Lab location	Jacksonville, Miami, and Tampa locations
Department	Microbiology
Pre-Approval Required	Yes, must be approved by regional epidemiologist prior to forwarding to CDC
Required Forms	DH1847
Specimen Sources	Clinical specimen, stool, or Food specimen
Supplemental Information- Special Specimen Preparation	N/A
Minimum Volume	Fill within fill line (15mL)
Storage Conditions	N/A
Collection Media	Cary Blair medium
Specimen Labeling	Patient name, DOB, Collection date and NPI
Packaging and Shipping Instructions and Handling	Ship at 15-30°C immediately upon collection for overnight delivery at BPHL, or ship directly to CDC Include paperwork with specimens but separate them physically
Test Methodology	N/A, testing performed at CDC
Turnaround Time	7-14 days
Result Indicator	N/A
Unsatisfactory Specimen	QNS Not delivered to BPHL within 24 hours of collection No patient identification on specimen Name on specimen tube and requisition do not match Specimen damaged or leaked in transit
Interferences and Limitations	Not delivered within 24 hours of collection.
Additional Information & Notes	Please confirm information with Testing lab. Requires prior arrangement with Epidemiology Headquarters. (Clinician must call 850-245-4401) No testing is performed in the laboratory. The Laboratory will only provide Epidemiology contact information. Epidemiology will take it from there.
Reference Range	Negative
Reference Lab	CDC
Reflex testing	None