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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	Serum or stool
Supplemental Information- Special Specimen Preparation	Serum must be collected prior to antitoxin treatment (HBAT or BabyBIG)
Minimum Volume	10 g of stool, 1 mL of serum
Storage Conditions	N/A
Collection Media	Stools – Sterile container Serum - Collection tube no anti-coagulants or additives (i.e. tiger top, red top, serum separator) or pour off and send in a sterile container
Specimen Labeling	-Specimen must be labeled with at least two unique patient identifiers, Name and DOB. -NPI -The collection date -Information on the specimen must match the requisition.
Packaging and Shipping Instructions and Handling	Ship at 2-8°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 -Information 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 provide further information.
Reference Range	Negative
Reference Lab	CDC
Reflex testing	None