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| Test Name: | Fungus Isolate Identification |
| Test Methodology: | Fungus ID on selective media for isolation and identification of mold and yeast utilizing slide culture, blue mount stain and MALDI-TOF (if applicable). |
| Test to be Performed: | Fungus ID |
| CPT: | |
| Reflex Testing Criteria: | If pathogenic dimorphic fungi such as Blastomyces, Histoplasma, Sporothrix, Coccidiodes etc., are identified, isolate will be submitted to the State's Microbial Disease Laboratory for further testing.<br>If unable to ID mold or yeast but can Isolate, it will be submitted to the State's Microbial Disease Laboratory for further testing. |
| Pre-Approval Required: | None |
| Accepted Specimens: | Pure culture on solid media from human source only. Grow isolate under appropriate conditions and verify purity prior to shipping. Ensure that culture isolates are sent in media flask or tubes containing a screw-top cap that is additionally sealed with parafilm or tape for additional protection against leaking. **DO NOT submit mold isolates on petri plates due to safety concerns.** |
| Specimen Stability: | Room temperature |
| Storage/Transport Conditions: | Ship cultures at ambient temperature (do not freeze). Solid media in tube or flask with tightened screw cap and taped is preferable for submission. |
| Turnaround Time: | 2-4 weeks |
| Reference Range: | |
| Comments: | For questions regarding submissions, please contact the lab for further information. |