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IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & WELFARE
DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Test Title	Acid-Fast Bacilli (AFB) Identification
Sample Requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sample type(s): actively growing cultures on suitable medium; broth cultures such as MGIT tubes; solid media cultures such as agar slants with visible growth 2. Rejection criteria: unlabeled samples, broken/leaking samples, or mismatching requisition/sample
Sampling Materials	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sample container: culture lid must be tight and secured with parafilm 2. Sample tube/container must be properly labeled with patient name and ID number, and requisition form must be completed.
Procedural Notes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clinical Test Request Form 2. Cultures will be identified using DNA probes or 16S sequence analysis. 3. CPT Code: 87560 (<i>M. avium</i>), 87550 (<i>M. gordonae</i>), 87158 (sequence analysis)
Shipping Instructions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Temperature/preservative instructions: store and ship under ambient conditions. 2. Unidentified cultures should be packaged and shipped according to Biological Substance, Category B, shipping guidelines. 3. Ship to: Idaho Bureau of Laboratories ATTENTION: TB Laboratory 2220 Old Penitentiary Rd Boise, ID 83712
Reporting and Turnaround Time (TAT)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. TAT: 3-14 business days 2. Reference Range: qualitative results (identification of <i>Mycobacterium</i> spp.) 3. <i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i> complex is reported to the client and the State TB Controller's office the same day of identification. This disease also must be reported to your local health district or to the Division of Public Health, Bureau of Communicable Disease Prevention according to the Idaho Reportable Disease Rules (IDAPA 16.02.10).