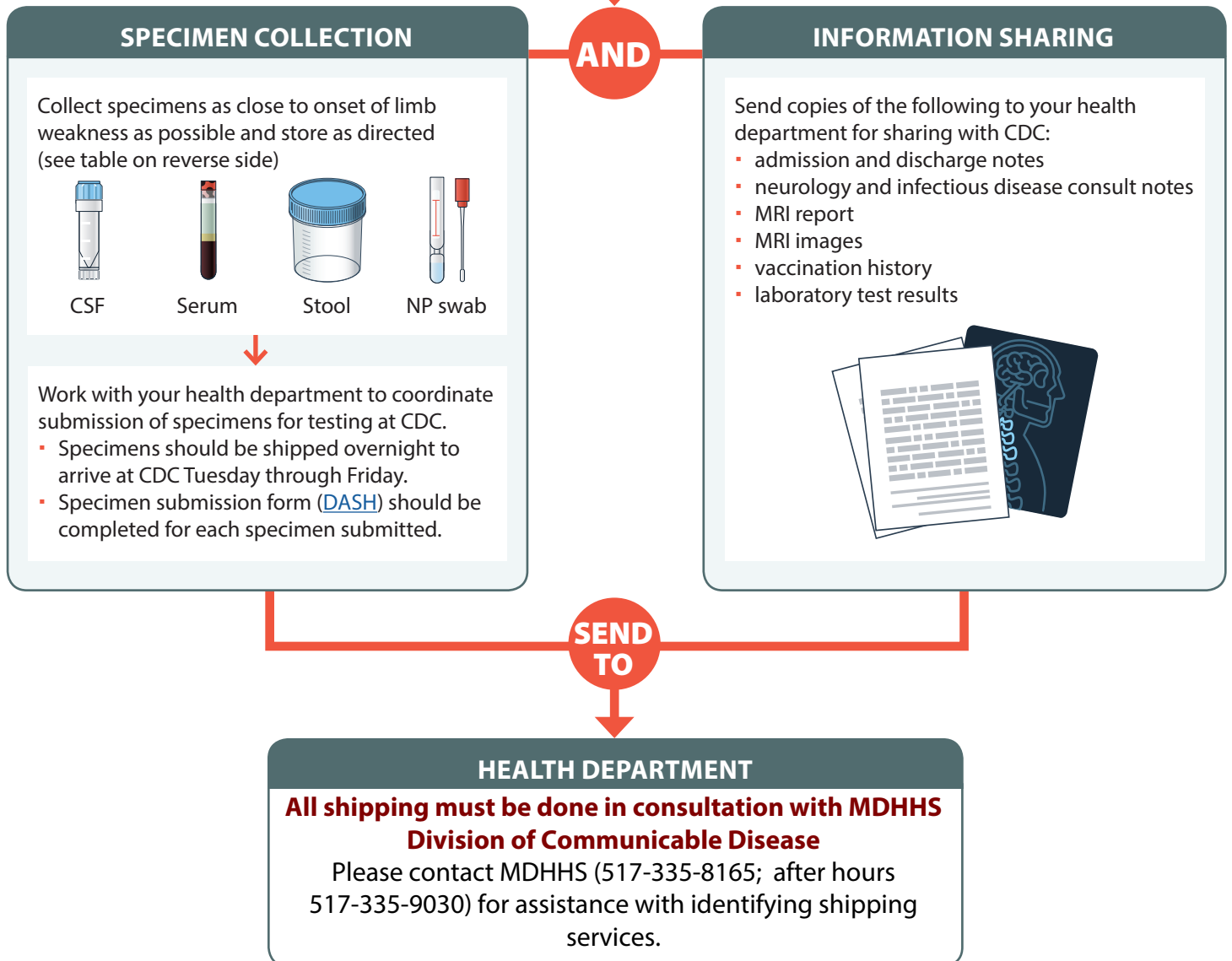


# Job Aid for Clinicians

How to send information to the health department about a patient under investigation (PUI) for AFM

**1 Identify PUI for AFM: patient with onset of acute flaccid limb weakness**


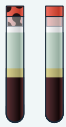

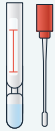
**2 Contact your health department when you identify a PUI for AFM.**



**3 Health department completes AFM Patient Summary Form, compiles medical records, and sends information to CDC. Patient will be classified by national AFM experts.**

**4 After expert review, patient classification is given back to health department and relayed to clinician by health department.**

**Specimens to collect and send to CDC for testing for AFM PUIs**

SAMPLE	AMOUNT	TUBE TYPE	PROCESSING	STORAGE	SHIPPING
CSF	1mL (collect at same time or within 24hrs of serum)	Cryovial 	Spun and CSF removed to cryovial	Freeze at -70°C	Ship on dry ice
Serum	≥0.4mL (collect at same time or within 24 hours of CSF)	Tiger/red top 	Spun and serum removed to tiger/red top.	Freeze at -70°C	Ship on dry ice
Stool	≥1 gram (2 samples collected 24hrs apart)	Sterile container 	n/a	Freeze at -20°C	Ship on dry ice. Rectal swabs should not be sent in place of stool.
Respiratory (NP)/ Oropharyngeal (OP) swab	1ml (minimum amount)	n/a 	Store in viral transport medium	Freeze at -20°C	Ship on dry ice

\*All specimens may be stored at -70°C for ease of shipping.

**Coordinate with your health department to send information about PUIs and ship specimens to CDC.**

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