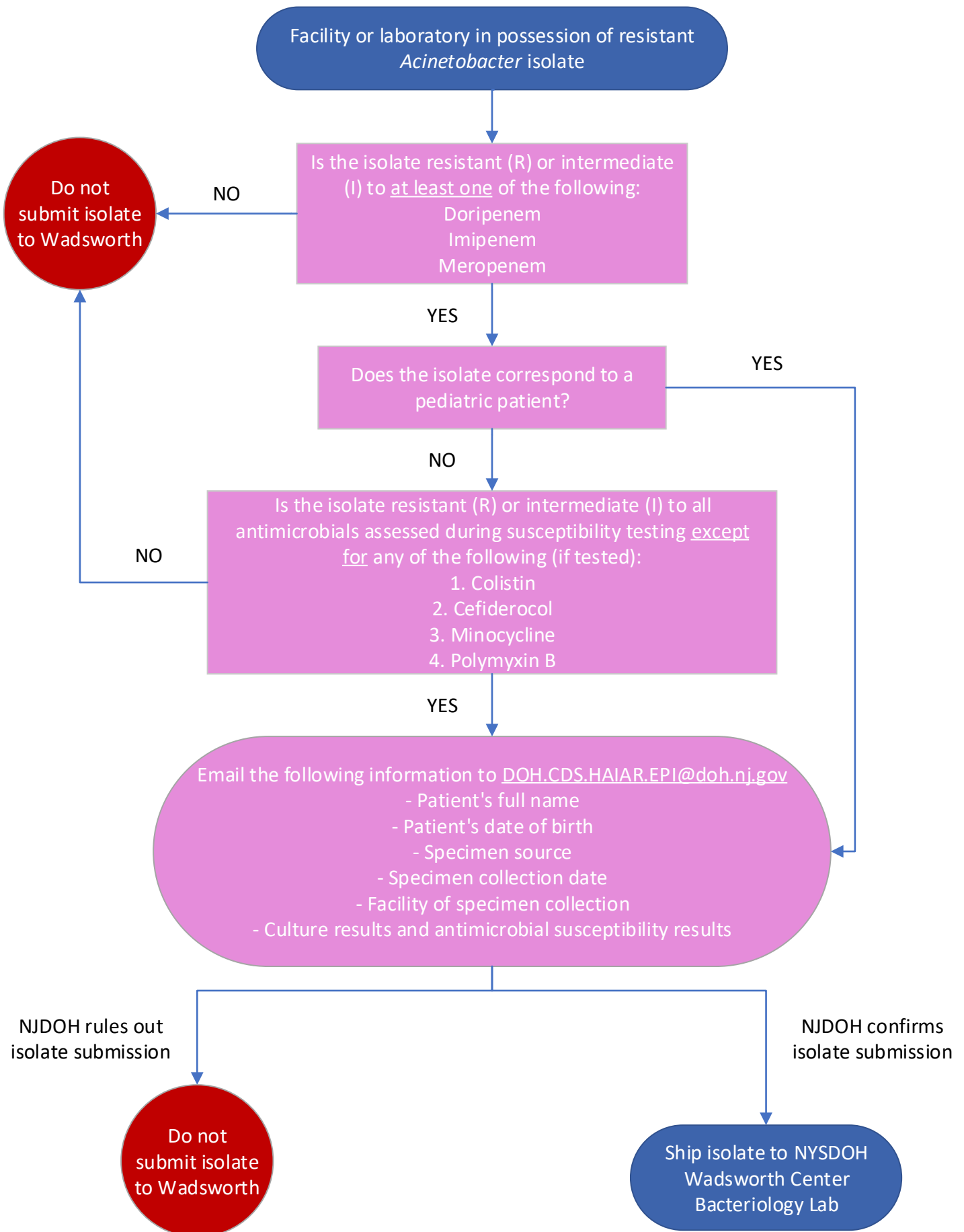


## Process for *Acinetobacter* Isolate Submission and Reporting to NJDOH



Organism Group	Species	1 <sup>st</sup> Set of Criteria: Specific Carbapenem Susceptibility Testing Results	2 <sup>nd</sup> Set of Criteria: Further Susceptibility Testing Results	Exclusion Criteria
<b><i>Acinetobacter</i></b>	<i>Acinetobacter</i> spp.	<b>Resistant or Intermediate to <u>at least one</u> of the following:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Doripenem</li> <li>• Imipenem</li> <li>• Meropenem</li> </ul>	<b>Resistant or Intermediate</b> to all antimicrobials assessed during susceptibility testing <b>except</b> for any of the following (if tested): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Colistin</li> <li>• Cefiderocol</li> <li>• Minocycline</li> <li>• Polymyxin B</li> </ul> <b>OR</b> <i>Acinetobacter</i> isolate corresponds to a pediatric patient	<b>EXCLUDE:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Acinetobacter</i> isolates from known case patients collected from a body site already known to be positive for carbapenemase-producing <i>Acinetobacter</i>*</li> </ul>

\*Please note: Laboratories or healthcare facilities may need to email patient and specimen information to [DOH.CDS.HAIAR.EPI@doh.nj.gov](mailto:DOH.CDS.HAIAR.EPI@doh.nj.gov) to determine if the specimen corresponds to a known case patient and/or a body site already known to be positive for CP-*Acinetobacter*.

### **Instructions for *Acinetobacter* Isolate Submission to the Antimicrobial Resistance Lab Network through NJDOH:**

- Determining if the case patient and specimen source are new or known positives:** Securely email patient information (i.e., full name, date of birth) and specimen information (i.e., specimen source, collection date, facility of specimen collection, specimen results) to [DOH.CDS.HAIAR.EPI@doh.nj.gov](mailto:DOH.CDS.HAIAR.EPI@doh.nj.gov) to determine if the specimen corresponds to a known case patient and/or a body site already known to be positive.
  - PLEASE NOTE:** The HAI/AR Epidemiology Team at NJDOH must review and approve all *Acinetobacter* isolates prior to sending specimens out to ARLN. The HAI/AR Epidemiology Team will also be able to inform Infection Prevention and Control Department staff if a case report form needs to be completed and submitted.
- Ordering tests:** the appropriate testing being requested must be indicated through one of the following methods:
  - Digital completion of test order paperwork using the New York State Health Commerce System (preferred method) – must be onboarded upon request
  - Completion of the [NYSIDR test requisition form](#) that should be mailed out with the isolate (available online at <https://www.wadsworth.org/programs/id/idr> )
- Provision of FedEx Labels:** The HAI/AR Epidemiology Team at NJDOH can provide FedEx labels via email for specimens approved for send out upon request.
- Mixed Isolates:** Mixed bacterial isolates cannot undergo testing at ARLN and will require resubmission of pure colonies.
- Shipping Details for *Acinetobacter* Isolates:** *Acinetobacter* isolates that meet the criteria for submission to ARLN as outlined above should be shipped to the following address:

ATTN: Elizabeth Nazarian  
 NYSDOH Wadsworth Center Bacteriology Lab  
 120 New Scotland Ave  
 Albany, NY 12208
- Contact Information:** Questions and concerns can be directed to [DOH.CDS.HAIAR.EPI@doh.nj.gov](mailto:DOH.CDS.HAIAR.EPI@doh.nj.gov)