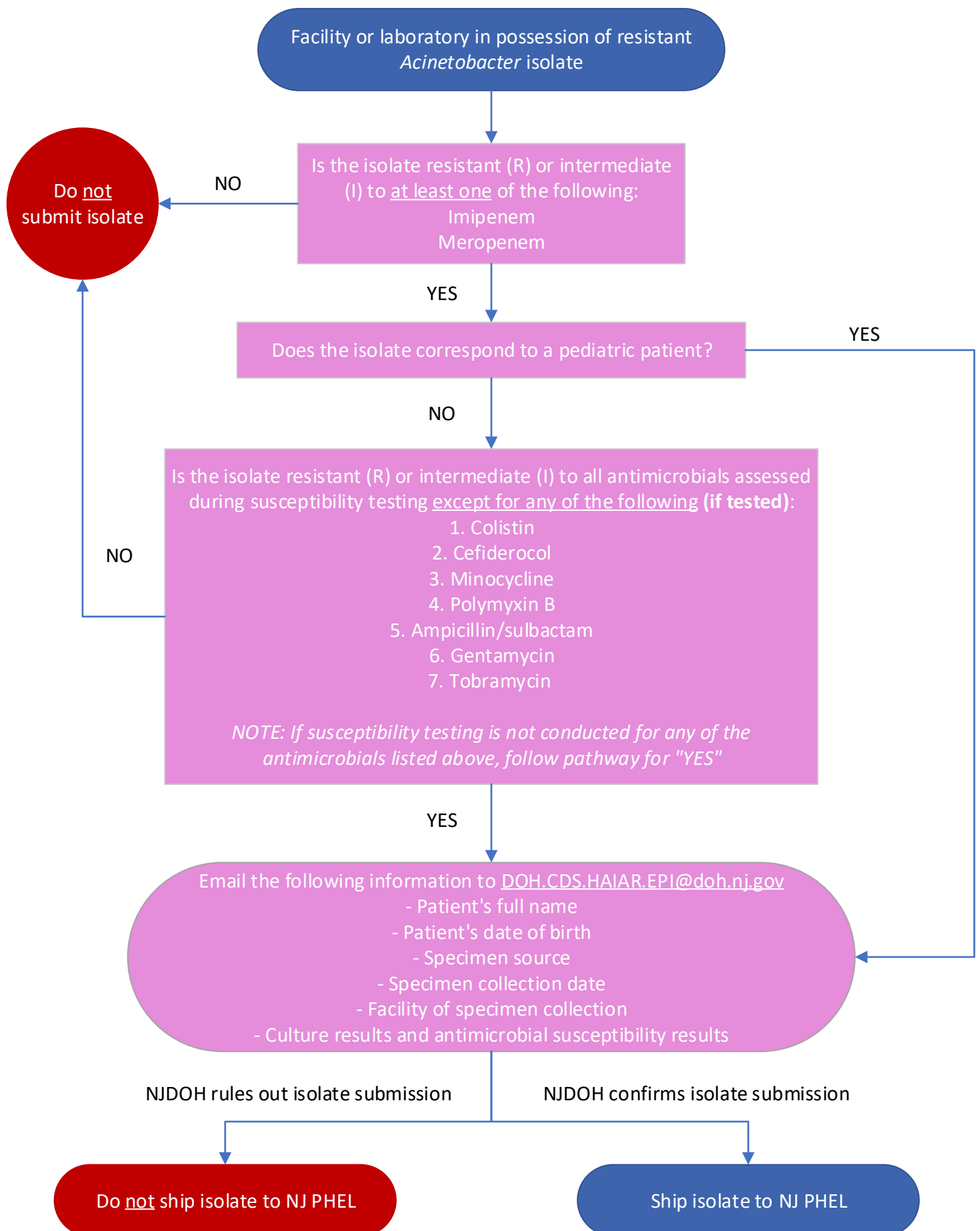


## Process for *Acinetobacter* Isolate Submission and Reporting to NJDOH



Organism Group	Species	1 <sup>st</sup> Set of Criteria: Specific Carbapenem Susceptibility Results	2 <sup>nd</sup> Set of Criteria: Further Susceptibility Results	Exclusion Criteria
<b><i>Acinetobacter</i></b>	<i>Acinetobacter</i> spp.	<b>Resistant or Intermediate to at least one of the following:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Imipenem</li> <li>Meropenem</li> </ul>	<b>Resistant or Intermediate to all antimicrobials assessed during susceptibility testing <u>except</u> for any of the following (if tested):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Colistin</li> <li>Cefiderocol</li> <li>Minocycline</li> <li>Polymyxin B</li> <li>Ampicillin/sulbactam</li> <li>Gentamicin</li> <li>Tobramycin</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>OR</u></b></p> <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 should 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 PHEL:**

- 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 (i.e., AR CRAB Surveillance) must be indicated through one of the following methods:
  - Digital completion of test order paperwork using Copia (preferred method) – must select “AR CRAB Surveillance” testing
  - Completion of the PHEL test requisition form (i.e., BACT-109) that should be mailed out with the isolate
  - PLEASE NOTE:**
    - Test results are faxed to the fax number provided in test requisition paperwork.
    - Ensure the newly required fields “Original submitting facility name” and/or “Original Sample Collection Facility” is correctly completed to indicate the physical location (i.e., the specific healthcare facility or outpatient office) where the specimen was collected from the patient.
- Inclusion of Antimicrobial Susceptibility Test Results:** Isolates must be submitted with copies of the antimicrobial susceptibility test results included. Testing will be delayed or cancelled if the necessary antimicrobial susceptibility test results are not provided by the submitter.
- Mixed Isolates:** Mixed isolates cannot undergo testing at PHEL and will require resubmission of pure colonies.
- Shipping Details:** CRA isolates that meet the criteria for submission to PHEL as outlined above should be shipped to the following address:

ATTN: Special Bacteriology  
NJ Public Health and Environmental Laboratories  
3 Schwarzkopf Drive  
Ewing, NJ 08628
- Contact Information:** Questions and concerns can be directed to [doh-ICHEE\\_LAB\\_EPI@doh.nj.gov](mailto:doh-ICHEE_LAB_EPI@doh.nj.gov)