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**CANCELLATION DUE TO LABELLING ISSUES**

Specimen unlabeled	"Specimen not labeled. Not suitable for processing" <b>*Excluding irretrievable specimens*</b>	<b>XUNL</b>
Specimen mislabeled	"Specimen mislabeled. Not suitable for processing" <b>*Excluding irretrievable specimens*</b>	<b>XMIS</b>
Discrepancy between requisition and specimen	"Specimen container label does not match patient identification on requisition. Not suitable for processing" <b>*Excluding irretrievable specimens*</b>	<b>XUML</b>

**CANCELLATION DUE TO SPECIMEN COLLECTION ISSUES**

Leaking container	"Specimen leaked in transport. No testing was performed. Please resubmit for testing" <b>*Excluding irretrievable specimens*</b>	<b>XLIT</b>
Insufficient quantity received	"Insufficient quantity for testing. Please resubmit if still indicated" <b>*For irretrievable specimens, phone physician to prioritize sample received*</b>	<b>XIQ</b>
Duplicate specimens within 24 hours: urine, sputum, stool, MRSA/VRE, GBS, throat and BV	"Duplicate specimen collected on same day. Previous specimen will be tested" <b>*Excluding urine or sputum specimens collected by a different method or MRSA/VRE collected from a different location*</b>	<b>XDUP</b>

**CANCELLATION DUE TO AGE OF SPECIMEN**

Orange top urine, > 24 hours old	"Specimen received 24 hours after collection. Not suitable for processing. Please repeat collection if still indicated"	<b>X24H</b>
Water samples, > 48 hours old	"Specimen received 48 hours after collection. Not suitable for processing. Please repeat collection if still indicated" <b>*Endotoxin water is rejected if &gt; 24 hours old*</b>	<b>X48H</b>
Blue top urine, > 72 hours old	"Specimen received 3 days after collection. Not suitable for processing. Please repeat collection if still indicated"	<b>X72H</b>
Stool culture, >72 hours old	"Specimen received 3 days after collection. Not suitable for processing. Please repeat collection if still indicated"	<b>X72H</b>
Sputum culture, > 72 hours old	"Specimen received 3 days after collection. Not suitable for processing. Please repeat collection if still indicated"	<b>X72H</b>

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**CANCELLATION OF STOOL SAMPLES**

Stool on patient hospitalized >3 days	"This specimen was not cultured for community acquired enteric pathogens because the patient has been hospitalized for 3 or more days. Clostridium difficile toxin assay is recommended"	<b>XSTL</b>
Stool not received in EPT and >2 hours old	"Specimen not received in Enteric Transport Medium. Unsuitable for C&S"	<b>XNEP</b>

**CANCELLATION OF C.DIFF SAMPLES**

C.diff 3 days old, unless frozen	"Specimen received 3 days after collection. Not suitable for processing. Please repeat collection if still indicated"	<b>X72H</b>
C.diff on formed stool	"Formed stool received. Analysis not performed"	<b>XCDT</b>
Positive C.diff within 7 days	"Testing not indicated. Patients with previous positive test should not have repeat testing for cure, unless they again come symptomatic after completion of therapy"	<b>XCDP</b>
Neg. C.diff within 7 days	"Testing not indicated. A single negative test is sufficient to rule out C.difficile"	<b>XCDN</b>
Rectal swab received for C.diff	"Rectal swabs unsuitable for C.difficile testing. Please resubmit a stool specimen"	<b>XCDS</b>
C.diff requested for child <1 year old	"Testing for C.difficile should not be performed in children under 1 year old"	<b>X&lt;12</b>

**CANCELLATION OF HAY RIVER AND FORT SMITH VAGINAL SWABS**

Genital culture ordered but no significant clinical information provided	"Routine genital cultures will not be performed unless testing is requested AND relevant clinical history is provided."	<b>XGEN</b>
Yeast culture ordered but no significant clinical information provided	"Routine yeast cultures will no longer be performed unless there is a clinical history of recurrent vaginal candidiasis, treatment failure and/or immunosuppression, particularly HIV infection. Microscopic examinations will continue for the detection of yeast and, if seen, will be reported."	<b>XYST</b>

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