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SPECIMEN TYPE	WHEN TO ADD	SPECIMEN QUALITY CODE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bacterial vaginosis screen • Body fluid culture • Blood culture • Genital culture (upper/lower) • Gonorrhoeae culture 	Specimen > 24 hours old	DELAY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catheter tip culture • Wound culture (deep/superficial) • Ear culture • Eye culture • Group B screen • MRSA/VRE screen • Oral culture • Respiratory culture • Throat culture 	Specimen > 48 hours	DELAY
Blood culture	Bottle frozen	FROZE
Blood culture	Bottle expired	BLDEX
Body fluid	Received on swab	SWBFL
VRE	Swab not visibly soiled with fecal matter	VRE

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