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CANCELLATION DUE TO LABELLING ISSUES

Specimen unlabeled	"Specimen not labeled. Not suitable for processing" *Excluding irretrievable	XUNL
Specimen mislabeled	"Specimen mislabeled. Not suitable for processing" *Excluding irretrievable	XMIS
Specimen does not have 2 identifiers	"Specimens must be labelled with patient's full name and a second identifier (DOB,PHN)" *Excluding irretrievable specimens*	XLBL
Discrepancy between requisition and specimen label	"Specimen container label does not match patient identification on requisition. Not suitable for processing" *Excluding irretrievable specimens*	XUML

CANCELLATION DUE TO SPECIMEN COLLECTION ISSUES

Leaking container	"Specimen leaked in transport. No testing was performed. Please resubmit for testing" *Excluding irretrievable specimens*	XLIT
Insufficient quantity received	"Insufficient quantity for testing. Please resubmit if still indicated" *For irretrievable specimens, phone physician to prioritize and sample	XIQ
Duplicate specimens within 24 hours: urine, sputum, stool, MRSA, VRE,	"Duplicate specimen collected within 24 hours. Previous specimen will be tested"	XDUP

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"	X24H
Blue top urine, > 3 days old	"Specimen received 3 days after collection. Not suitable for processing. Please repeat collection if still indicated"	X72H
All specimens other than urine, blood cultures and irretrievable specimens, >3 days old	"Specimen received 3 days after collection. Not suitable for processing. Please repeat collection if still indicated"	X72H

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CANCELLATION FOR C.DIFF SAMPLES

C.diff >5 days X5DO old, unless frozen	"Specimen received 3 days after collection. Not suitable for processing. Please repeat collection if still indicated"	X5DO
C.diff on formed stool	"Formed stool received. Analysis not performed"	XCDT
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"	XCDP
Negative C.diff within 7 days	"Testing not indicated. A single negative test is sufficient to rule out C.difficile"	XCDN
Rectal swab received for C.diff	"Rectal swabs unsuitable for C.difficile testing. Please resubmit a stool specimen"	XCDS
C.diff requested for child <1yr old	"Testing for C.difficile should not be performed in children under 1 year old"	X<12

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