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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 and Eye culture Group B screen MRSA/VRE screen Nose culture Oral culture Respiratory culture Throat culture 	Specimen >48 hours	DELAY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blue top or Grey top urine Sputum 	Specimen >72 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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