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SPECIMEN TYPE	WHEN TO ADD	SPECIMEN QUALITY CODE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bacterial vaginosis screen Blood culture Body fluid culture Genital culture (upper/lower/IUD) Gonorrhoeae culture <i>Trichomonas</i> rapid test 	Specimen >24 hours old	DELAY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ear culture and Eye culture Group B screen MRSA/MRO/VRE screen Nose culture Oral/Yeast culture Tip culture Throat culture Wound culture (deep/superficial) 	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

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