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CANCELLATION DUE TO LABELLING ISSUES

Specimen unlabeled	"Specimen not labeled. Not suitable for processing" *Excluding irretrievable specimens*	XUNL
Specimen mislabeled	"Specimen mislabeled. Not suitable for processing" *Excluding irretrievable specimens*	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 received*	XIQ
Duplicate specimens within 24 hours: urine, sputum, stool, MRSA, VRE, GBS, throat and BV	"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
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CANCELLATION FOR C.DIFF SAMPLES

C.diff >5 days old, unless frozen	"Specimen received 5 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

VAGINAL AND YEAST CULTURE FOR HAY RIVER, FT. SMITH, AND INUVIK SAMPLES

Genital culture ordered on vaginal sample and NO relevant clinical information provided on the requisition	"Routine genital cultures will not be performed unless testing is requested AND relevant clinical history is provided"	XGEN
Yeast culture ordered on vaginal sample and NO relevant clinical information provided on the requisition	"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"	XYST

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