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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	"Specimen label does not contain 2 identifiers. Specimens must be labeled with the 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
Requisition missing required information	"Requisition missing required information. Requisition must include _____." *Type in information that is missing*	XREQ

CANCELLATION DUE TO SPECIMEN COLLECTION ISSUES

Leaking container	"Specimen leaked in transport. No testing was performed." *Excluding irretrievable specimens*	XLIT
Insufficient quantity received	"Insufficient quantity for testing. No testing was performed" *For irretrievable specimens, phone physician to prioritize sample received*	XIQ
Incorrect collection container	"Specimen collected in wrong collection container. Specimens for _____ testing should be collected in _____" *Type in information that is missing*	XICC
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

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CANCELLATION DUE TO AGE OF SPECIMEN

Orange top urine, >24 hours old	"Urine sample received in sterile container >24 hours after collection. Not suitable for processing."	X24H
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CANCELLATION FOR C. DIFF SAMPLES

C. diff >5 days old	"Specimen received >5 days after collection. Not suitable for processing."	X5DO
C. diff on formed stool	"Formed stool received. Not suitable for processing."	XCDT
C. diff testing performed within the last 7 days	"Previous testing performed within the last 7 days. Testing not indicated."	XCD7
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 on patients <12 months of age."	X<12

CANCELLATION FOR VAGINAL SWABS

Genital culture ordered on vaginal swab without appropriate clinical history	"Routine genital cultures on vaginal swabs will only be performed if there is a clinical history of toxic shock syndrome, post-partum sepsis or surgical infection post pelvic/gynecological surgery."	XGEN
Yeast culture ordered on vaginal swab without appropriate clinical history	"Routine yeast cultures on vaginal swabs are not performed unless there is a clinical history of recurrent vaginal candidiasis, treatment failure or immunosuppression, particularly HIV infection."	XYST

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