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SPECIMEN TYPE	WHEN TO ADD	SPECIMEN QUALITY CODE
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Bacterial vaginosis screenBlood cultureBody fluid cultureGenital 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 cultureGroup B screenMRSA/MRO/VRE screenNose cultureOral/Yeast cultureTip cultureThroat cultureWound culture (deep/superficial)	Specimen >48 hours old	DELAY
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Blue top or grey top urineSputum	Specimen >72 hours old	DELAY
Blood culture	Bottle received cold	COLD
Blood culture	Bottle frozen	FROZE
Blood culture	Bottle expired	BLDEX
Body fluid	Received on swab	SWBFL
Body fluid	Sample not spun	NOSPI
Specimen leaked	Specimen leaked	LEAK
Irretrievable specimen not labelled	Irretrievable specimen not labelled	IRR
GC culture	Swab for GC does not contain charcoal	NGON
GC culture	Vaginal swab received for <i>N. gonorrhoeae</i>	VAGGC
Bacterial vaginosis screen swab	BV swab > 5 days old	SLIDE
VRE	No fecal matter on VRE swab	VRE

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