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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

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
Leaking container	"Specimen leaked in transport. No testing was performed." *Excluding irretrievable specimens*	XLIT

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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
C. diff >5 days old	"Specimen received >5 days after collection. Not suitable for processing."	X5DO

CANCELLATION FOR C. DIFF SAMPLES

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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