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### CANCELLATION DUE TO LABELLING ISSUES

Specimen unlabeled	"Specimen not labeled. Not suitable for processing" <b>*Excluding irretrievable specimens*</b>	<b>XUNL</b>
Specimen mislabeled	"Specimen mislabeled. Not suitable for processing" <b>*Excluding irretrievable specimens*</b>	<b>XMIS</b>
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)." <b>*Excluding irretrievable specimens*</b>	<b>XLBL</b>
Discrepancy between requisition and specimen label	"Specimen container label does not match patient identification on requisition. Not suitable for processing" <b>*Excluding irretrievable specimens*</b>	<b>XUML</b>
Requisition missing required information	"Requisition missing required information. Requisition must include _____. " <b>*Type in information that is missing*</b>	<b>XREQ</b>

### CANCELLATION DUE TO SPECIMEN COLLECTION ISSUES

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

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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."	<b>X24H</b>
C. diff >5 days old	"Specimen received >5 days after collection. Not suitable for processing."	<b>X5DO</b>

### CANCELLATION FOR C. DIFF SAMPLES

C. diff on formed stool	"Formed stool received. Not suitable for processing."	<b>XCDT</b>
C. diff testing performed within the last 7 days	"Previous testing performed within the last 7 days. Testing not indicated."	<b>XCD7</b>
Rectal swab received for C.diff	"Rectal swabs unsuitable for C. difficile testing. Please resubmit a stool specimen"	<b>XCDS</b>
C.diff requested for child <1yr old	"Testing for C. difficile should not be performed on patients <12 months of age."	<b>X&lt;12</b>

### 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."	<b>XGEN</b>
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."	<b>XYST</b>

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