



DO NOT ACCEPT — Specimen Rejection Criteria

If any criterion below applies, do not accept the specimen for testing. Criteria are “not limited to” this list — when in doubt, ask the Medical Technologist.

A · IDENTIFICATION

- **Incomplete or lacking positive identification**, or discrepancy with the request
- **Unlabeled** specimen
- **Mislabeled**, or fewer than **two identifiers**
- **Illegible** identifiers
- Label / requisition **mismatch** not resolved by the collector's confirmation procedure

B · CONTAINER & VOLUME

- **Over- or under-filled** tubes — including anticoagulated tubes below / above the fill line
- **Insufficient volume (QNS)** for the test(s) requested
- **Inappropriate container or storage condition** for the required test stability
- **Cracked, damaged, or leaking** containers — discard as a biologic hazard

C · SPECIMEN QUALITY

- **Wrong specimen type**
- **Contaminated** — tissue, lubricant, water, or other foreign material; blood transferred incorrectly
- **Grossly hemolyzed, frankly lipemic, or icteric** where the procedure requires rejection or a cautionary comment
- **Clotted** anticoagulated specimen, partial clots, or microclots where clotting interferes
- **Improperly collected capillary** specimen — milking / scooping artifact, hemolysis, tissue-fluid dilution

D · TIME, TRANSPORT & SAFETY

- **Delayed urinalysis** beyond the acceptable hold (see urinary SOP and LAB-QM-PRE-003)
- **Transport time / temperature** outside validated limits, compromising stability
- Specimen in a **syringe with needle attached** (unless specifically indicated)
- Specimen **requiring chilling delivered at room temperature** (LAB-QM-PRE-003 §5.5)
- **Exceeding the 2-hour stability window** from collection (LAB-QM-PRE-003 §5.5)

WHEN YOU REJECT: Rejected specimens are **NOT RETURNED** to the requesting unit. Document **EVERY** rejection on the Specimen Receipt, Transport, Rejection & Recollection Log

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EXCEPTION — IRREPLACEABLE SPECIMENS: Do not discard a non-recollectable specimen on your own. Escalate to the Medical Technologist. Label correction is allowed **ONLY** when the collector confirms the specimen's identity and signs the confirmation section of F-QM-PRE-001-A-V0 (LAB-QM-PRE-001 §5.7, §5.8.5).