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Rejection Criteria

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Below are MercyOne's guidelines for reference laboratory samples. These have been established to comply with CLIA '88 and accreditation requirements of JCAHO/CAP. Failure to adhere to the below criteria are grounds for specimen rejection.

Specimen identification

Specimens must be labeled with the patient's legal name (last name, first name, middle initial*), date of birth, date and time of collection, and the initials of the person obtaining the specimen.

Requisition

A test requisition must contain data matching the information on the specimen label. Information required on the requisition: patient legal name, date of birth, name and location of physician ordering the test, test or assay requested, and appropriate diagnosis codes. The requisition should include the date and time of specimen collection, body site and source* and appropriate insurance information.**

Specimen rejection conditions

Blood:	Gross hemolysis, gross lipemia, grossly icteric, clotted specimens for whole blood or plasma assays, specimens contaminated from an IV, samples in the incorrect tube for testing, insufficient quantity present in tube, delay in submission to laboratory. Final decision of acceptability will be made by technologist at performing location.
Fluid and tissues:	Grossly contaminated, collected without proper preservative, not received/stored at correct temperature, insufficient volume for test requested.
Cultures:	Specimen obviously contaminated, collector damaged/expired, incorrect storage/transport temperature/time/insufficient quantity for test requested.

*If applicable.

**If the patient is a minor, parental information is required for insurance.