

TITLE: CRITERIA FOR UNACCEPTABLE SPECIMENS

PRINCIPLES OF THE PROCEDURE: NA

SPECIMEN REQUIREMENTS: NA

REAGENTS/SUPPLIES: NA

EQUIPMENT & INSTRUMENTATION: NA

PROCEDURE:

1. Any unlabeled specimen will be rejected. All specimens must be labeled with the patient name or number and the date drawn.
2. The requisition slip must have the time drawn; if it does not, the specimen will not be processed. Rather, we will call the appropriate individual for a time of draw. Once this is accomplished, the specimen will be processed.
3. Only blood or bone marrow collected in Sodium Heparin, Sodium Citrate, or EDTA tubes will be accepted. Sodium Heparin and Sodium Citrate tubes which are more than 48 hours old or EDTA tubes which are more than 24 hours old will be rejected.
4. Tissue samples which are more than 12 hours old will be rejected.
5. Any specimen (except tissue) which has been refrigerated or kept on ice will be rejected.
6. Any specimen which is clotted will be rejected.
7. Any bone marrow which is too viscous to be filtered will be rejected.
8. Any grossly hemolyzed sample will be rejected.
9. Samples that can not be lysed after two attempts will be reported as not evaluable.
10. Any sample with less than 85% viability will not be evaluated.
11. CSF, Pleural fluid and Bronchial washes that are more than 6 hours old, or not in sterile containers will be rejected.

PROCEDURAL NOTES: NA

QUALITY CONTROL GUIDELINES: NA

EXPECTED VALUES: NA

REPORTING RESULTS & CALCULATIONS: NA

REFERENCES: NA

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