



GeneXpert Specimen Acceptance Criteria

Testing samples that do not meet the acceptance criteria may lead to failed tests or inaccurate results.
If you have any questions, please call the Help Desk on 08 8201 7555 (option 4).

STEP	CHECK FOR...	IF YES...	IF NO or UNSURE...	REJECT RECORD/ACTION
1	Does the specimen label match the request and include the required patient identifiers?	Continue to Step 2	Reject. Do not test until identifiers are complete or a correctly identified specimen is recollected 	Record rejection or identification resolution in patient electronic health record.
2	Is the requested test correct for the specimen type as per the GeneXpert Specimen Collection Guide?	Continue to Step 3	Reject or refer to laboratory for testing. 	Record reason in patient electronic health record, and arrange recollection/referral where appropriate
3	Is the collection tube/pot intact, closed, labelled, not leaking and containing adequate sample?	Continue to Step 4	Reject. Recollect where possible. 	Record damaged, leaking, missing or insufficient specimen in patient electronic health record
4	Is the relevant transport reagent or collection device in date?	Continue to Step 5	Reject. Contact Help Desk 	Record reagent expiry issue in patient electronic health record and Help Desk advice
5	Are collection, transport and storage conditions within the stability limit?	Continue to Step 6	If known to be outside the stability limit: Reject. If unknown: Hold and contact Help Desk  	Record the decision and Help Desk advice in patient's electronic health record
6	Respiratory: Is this an approved respiratory swab type, in 2 mL Copan eNAT? CT/NG: Is it an approved first-catch urine, patient-collected vaginal, endocervical, pharyngeal or rectal swab, collected as per the GeneXpert Specimen Collection Guide? TV: Is it an approved first-catch urine, patient-collected vaginal swab or endocervical swab, collected as per the GeneXpert Specimen Collection Guide?	Accept and test 	Reject or refer to laboratory for testing. 	Record reason in patient electronic health record and arrange recollection/referral where appropriate