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<b>DIVISION</b>	<b>IRRETRIEVABLE SPECIMEN(S)</b>
<b>ANATOMICAL PATHOLOGY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All surgical specimens</li> </ul>
<b>BLOOD TRANSFUSION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International specimens for testing for possible Bone Marrow donor match</li> </ul>
<b>CHEMISTRY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre-Dialysis samples</li> <li>• Pre-Drug Level samples</li> <li>• Code Blue Samples/Cardiac Arrest</li> <li>• Body fluids (except for voided urine/blood)</li> <li>• Stone samples</li> <li>• Arterial BG</li> <li>• Samples taken as a series</li> </ul>
<b>CYTOLOGY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All specimens except sputum, voided urine and male fertility specimens.</li> </ul>
<b>HEMATOLOGY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tissue samples</li> <li>• Bone marrows</li> <li>• Body fluids (except for voided urine/blood)</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Molecular Biology</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre-Transplant Peripheral Blood from a Bone Marrow Transplant Patient or Donor</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Flow Cytometry</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pretreatment Peripheral Blood</li> <li>• CD34 Enumeration - Product</li> <li>• Immunophenotyping - Body Fluid</li> <li>• Immunophenotyping - Bone Marrow Aspirate</li> <li>• Immunophenotyping - Bone Marrow Biopsy</li> <li>• Immunophenotyping - Lymph Node</li> </ul>

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	<p><b>HLA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final Crossmatch Specimens</li> <li>• Post-Transplant Peripheral Blood</li> <li>• Pre-Transplant Peripheral Blood</li> <li>• Deceased Donor Peripheral Blood</li> <li>• Peripheral Blood on Recipient or Donors &lt; 3 years old</li> <li>• Peripheral Blood on National and International Donors</li> <li>• Peripheral Blood from National and International Registries</li> </ul>
<p><b>MICROBIOLOGY</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Autopsy specimens.</li> <li>• Blood transfusion specimens for investigation of bacterial contamination.</li> <li>• Bone Marrow Transplant blood specimens.</li> <li>• Bronchial wash/lavage specimens.</li> <li>• Cystoscopic Urine</li> <li>• Other specimens that cannot be recollected (vascular catheter tips, prosthetic devices and materials).</li> <li>• Sinus Specimens</li> <li>• Specimens from the tissue and eye banks.</li> <li>• Specimens obtained by needle aspiration (excluding phlebotomy).</li> <li>• Specimens obtained by other invasive means, e.g., tissue biopsies, all specimens obtained in operating room.</li> <li>• Synovial, pleural, pericardial, cerebrospinal, ascitic, intraocular and Peritoneal dialysis (PD) fluids.</li> </ul>