

Specimen Rejection Notification Plan

The Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine established policies to address test ordering, specimen collection and specimen acceptance and rejection; refer to Pathology and Laboratory Medicine's webpages for more information: [Specimen Collection Requirements](#) and [Rejection Criteria](#)

Each division has guidelines regarding irretrievable specimens, refer to Nova Scotia Health Authority, Central Zone Policy: [CDHA CC 85-0016 Laboratory Specimen Acceptance and Rejection for Diagnostic Testing](#) and the list of specimens meeting the irretrievable guidelines on Nova Scotia Health Authority, Central Zone's webpage: [Laboratory Irretrievable Specimens Guidelines](#) for more information.

Blood Transfusion Service, Human Leukocyte Antigen (HLA) Tissue Typing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Test cancellation along with the reason for cancellation will be documented on patient's laboratory report Phone call will be made to requesting location for every specimen rejection
Clinical Chemistry, Hematology, Microbiology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Test cancellation along with the reason for cancellation will be documented on patient's laboratory report <u>Only</u> those tests requested using <u>STAT priority</u> will be notified by phone. Refer to Laboratory Testing Priorities for more information.
Anatomical Pathology - Surgical Pathology, Cytology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No tests are cancelled, Surgical Pathology follows the Irretrievable Specimen Guidelines; refer to Laboratory Irretrievable Specimens Guidelines for more information.

Critical Results Notification Plan

Critical values are results suggesting that the patient is in imminent danger unless immediate patient management or treatment is initiated.

The critical values and the notification practice, including notification exclusions, are located in the Nova Scotia Health Authority, Central Zone Policy: [CDHA CC 85-017 Diagnostic Tests Requesting, Reporting of results and Follow-up](#) policy for more information.