# Irretrievable Specimens Guidelines

**DIVISION** | **IRRETRIEVABLE SPECIMEN(S)**
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**ANATOMICAL PATHOLOGY** | • All surgical specimens
**BLOOD TRANSFUSION** | • International specimens for testing for possible Bone Marrow donor match
**CHEMISTRY** | • Pre-Dialysis samples  
• Pre-Drug Level samples  
• Code Blue Samples/Cardiac Arrest  
• Body fluids (except for voided urine/blood)  
• Stone samples  
• **Arterial BG**  
• **Samples taken as a series**
**CYTOLOGY** | • All specimens except sputum, voided urine and male fertility specimens.
**HEMATOLOGY** | • Tissue samples  
• Bone marrows  
• Body fluids (except for voided urine/blood)
**Molecular Biology** | • Pre-Transplant Peripheral Blood from a Bone Marrow Transplant Patient or Donor
**Flow Cytometry** | • Pretreatment Peripheral Blood  
• **CD34 Enumeration – Product**  
• Immunophenotyping – Body Fluid  
• Immunophenotyping – Bone Marrow Aspirate  
• Immunophenotyping – Bone Marrow Biopsy  
• Immunophenotyping – Lymph Node
**HLA** | • Final Crossmatch Specimens  
• Post-Transplant Peripheral Blood  
• Pre Transplant Peripheral Blood  
• Deceased Donor Peripheral Blood  
• Peripheral Blood on Recipient or Donors < 3 years old  
• Peripheral Blood on National and International Donors  
• Peripheral Blood from National and International Registries

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| MICROBIOLOGY | • Autopsy specimens  
• Blood transfusion specimens for investigation of bacterial contamination  
• Bone Marrow Transplant blood specimens  
• Bronchial wash/lavage specimens  
• Cystoscopic Urine  
• Other specimens that cannot be recollected (vascular catheter tips, prosthetic devices and materials)  
**Sinus Specimens**  
• Specimens from the tissue and eye banks  
• Specimens obtained by needle aspiration (excluding phlebotomy)  
• Specimens obtained by other invasive means, e.g., tissue biopsies, All specimens obtained in operating room  
• Synovial, pleural, pericardial, cerebrospinal, ascitic, intraocular and Peritoneal dialysis (PD) fluids |