

**HACKETTSTOWN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
CARDIO PULMONARY POLICY MANUAL
SPECIMEN REJECTION**

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Purpose: To establish criteria for the rejection of specimens.

Procedure: Quality samples must be obtained in order to produce accurate results. Interfering substances and sub-optimal collection techniques can also affect the outcome of testing. If the following conditions are found to be the case, the specimen should be rejected.

1. Any unlabeled specimen will be rejected.
2. For ABG'S, clotted and venous specimens will be rejected.
3. All specimens that QNS (Quality Not Sufficient) will be rejected.

If the specimen is rejected, communicate with the floor or physician. For Respiratory Therapy, the physician will be contacted to determine if a redraw is indicated. In the event that the specimen is irretrievable and specimen testing is still being requested by the ordering physician, note the condition of the sample in the comment field and note any limitations or disclaimers that may limit test interpretation. Be sure to include complete documentation of order.