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Biological sample acceptability criteria

Biological samples collected at home must be taken according to the instructions provided for each material (see section Examination preparation methods).

Samples taken at the sampling point may occasionally show non-conformities that make them unsuitable for carrying out the analysis.

In all cases of biological sample that cannot be analyzed, the patient is notified by telephone on the same day by the Laboratory secretariat and invited to come back for a second collection or delivery of material, without the need to repeat the administrative acceptance.

The most frequent causes of *non-acceptance* are represented by samples:

- Visibly dirty, smeared with blood/urine/feces
- Collected in unsuitable containers
- Insufficient amount
- Not correctly identified with patient data on the label
- Not properly stored according to time and temperature
- Not suitable according to demand (e.g. sputum with salivary material only)
- Hemolized Blood
- Clotted blood
- Lipemic blood