



## **ACCEPTABLE LABORATORY SPECIMENS**

Criteria are established for specimen acceptability for each test and specimen type, according to manufacturer's recommendations, and established good laboratory practices. The appropriate specimen for each test is indicated in the Specimen Collection Guide. Please refer the Specimen Collection Guide and other documents located in our on-line laboratory reference manual.

In general:

Acceptable samples are those that are -

1. Labeled according to labeling instructions.
2. Appropriate specimen type for the test requested.
3. Preserved according to specimen requirements.
4. Received within specified time according to testing requirements.
5. Stored appropriately prior to delivery to the laboratory.
6. Sample is clean and dry.
7. Sample is received in transport bag.