

# Etiologic classifications

## Outbreaks of vomiting & diarrhea

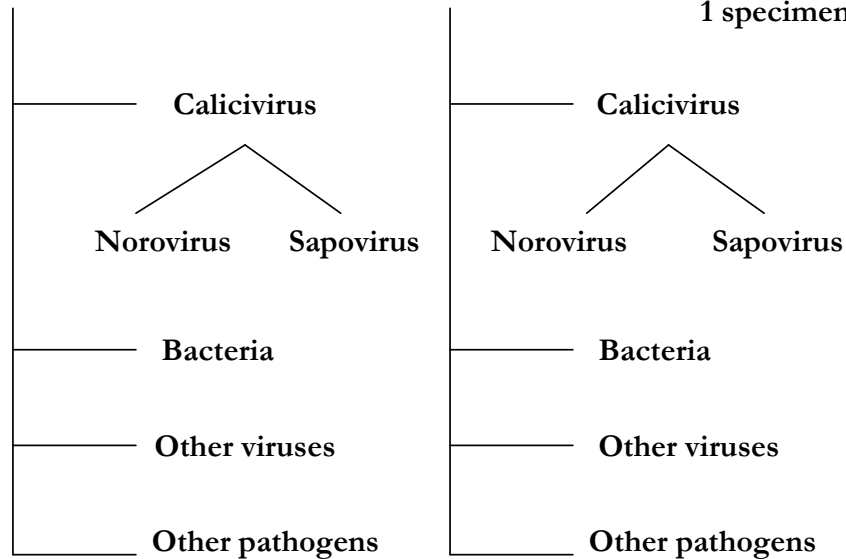
Completed investigations

*Unexplained etiology:*  
≥2 specimens tested,  
all negative

*Confirmed etiology:*  
≥2 specimens tested,  
≥ 2 w/same pathogen; or  
1 positive food sample

*Presumptive etiology:*  
1–2 specimens tested,  
1 specimen positive

*Unknown etiology:*  
no specimens tested; or  
≥2 different pathogens; or  
≥3 specimens tested,  
1 specimen positive



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