

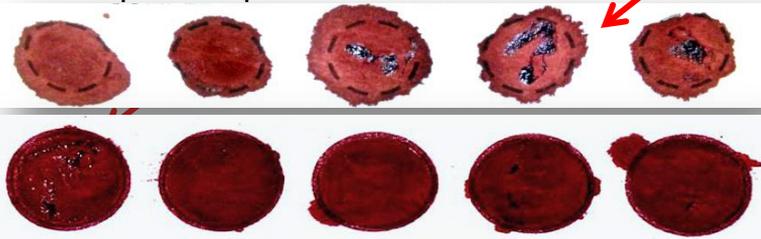
Unsatisfactory Specimen Identification Guide

Newborn Screening



Example of an Acceptable Specimen

Unacceptable Specimen: Blood Clots



Can be avoided by:

- Rapidly applying the drop of blood onto the card
- Never touching the same circle multiple times with blood

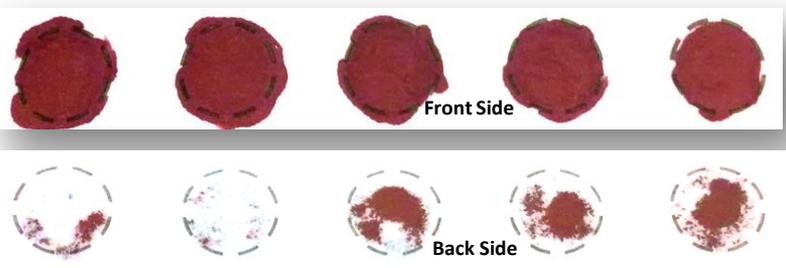
Unacceptable Specimen: Layered Blood



Can be avoided by:

- Never touching the same circle multiple times with blood

Unacceptable Specimen: Incomplete Saturation



Can be avoided by:

- Always examining both sides of the card
- Making sure the blood soaks through the entire circle
- Making sure the baby is well hydrated prior to specimen collection

Unacceptable Specimen: Plasma Separated from RBCs



Can be avoided by:

- Rapidly applying the drop of blood onto the card
- Making sure the puncture site is dry after wiping with alcohol
- Not excessively squeezing the puncture site to obtain the blood
- Not using a capillary tube

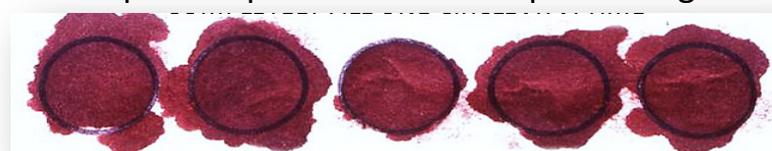
Unacceptable Specimen: Contamination



Can be avoided by:

- Never allowing the filter paper to come in contact with ungloved hands or substances such as alcohol, formula, antiseptic solution, water, lotion or powder either before or after collection

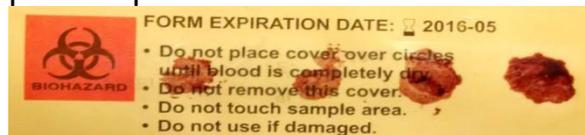
Unacceptable Specimen: Filter Paper Damage



Can be avoided by:

- Never bending the filter paper card during collection
- Never "coloring-in" or repeatedly "dabbing" the filter paper circle with a capillary tube

Unacceptable Specimen: Blood on Tan Cover



Can be avoided by:

- Always inspecting card prior to shipment
- Allowing sufficient drying time before packaging card for shipment