

Unsatisfactory Code	Description
1	Incomplete saturation of filter paper.
3	Incomplete saturation of filter paper, possibly due to high hematocrit.
4	Circles not completely filled when observed from both sides of the collection form.
5	Uneven saturation due to applying blood to both sides of the filter paper.
6	Layered specimen due to applying to a partially or completely dried area. Fill one circle completely before filling another.
7	Plasma separated from red blood cells. Possible causes include low hematocrit, collection at IV site, or delay in application from capillary.
8	Specimen damaged during collection. Filter paper fibers roughed or scraped away from the testing area. The heel of the infant should not contact the collection form.
9	Filter paper damaged during application of blood. Capillary tube must not touch the filter paper.
10	Blood clots within the circle of blood. If capillaries are used, they must be sterile and anticoagulant free. Apply blood immediately upon filling capillary. Do not reuse capillary.
11	Smeared or discolored blood due to contamination with water, formula, urine, tissue fluid, antiseptic, or other liquid.
12	Specimen received more than seven days after collection.
13	Specimen not allowed to dry before being mailed (minimum 3 hours at room temperature).
14	Outdated collection form. Lab will accept only "U" series forms, expiration date of December 2017 or later.
15	Specimen damaged during collection. Large folds or creases through circles of blood.
16	Specimen damaged during shipment to laboratory.
17	Defective specimen collection form.
18	Blood observed on tan cover. Do not allow blood to touch tan cover until completely dry.
19	In sufficient sample to complete testing.
20	Other: (needs to be specified)
21	Specimen damaged at WSLH.
22	Specimen dried improperly.
23	Specimen received more than seven days from collection, due to delay in transit to the NBS laboratory.
24	Code not used. This code contains unsatisfactory follow-up information and website links.