



BLOOD WAS CAKED, CLOTTED, OR LAYERED ONTO THE FILTER PAPER

TIPS TO AVOID THIS TYPE OF REJECTION:

- **Avoid applying additional blood to an incompletely filled circle.** This will result in caking or clotting.
- **Do not apply blood to both sides of filter paper.**
- Use the proper size lancet (<2.0mm length). A finger lancet is not recommended.
- Wipe away the first drop of blood.
- Allow large blood drop to form. Then lightly touch filter paper to the blood drop while watching it soak through to ensure that the circle is completely filled.
- Complete one circle at a time. 3 good quality circles are better than 5 poor quality circles.
- Avoid using capillary tubes for specimen collection if at all possible. This will often result in clotting or other unsatisfactory qualities.

To access videos, guides, presentations, and other training resources on specimen collection, visit: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/lab/nbsHCRes.shtm#specCol>

Questions

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