BLOOD DID NOT SOAK THROUGH PAPER DUE TO INCOMPLETE SATURATION

TIPS TO AVOID THIS TYPE OF REJECTION:

• 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 applying additional blood to an incompletely filled circle. This often results in caking or clotting.

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

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