

## BLOOD DID NOT COMPLETELY FILL SPECIMEN CIRCLES

### 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.

**Make sure  
blood  
completely  
soaks through**

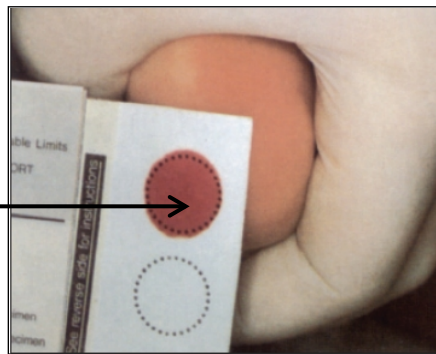


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To access videos, guides, presentations, and other training resources on specimen collection, visit: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/lab/nbsHCRes.shtm#specCol>

### Questions

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