

Dried Blood Filter Paper Testing: Spot Check







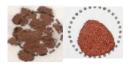


Valid Specimen

100 μ l of blood has been collected in each circle, completely saturating or filling the circle and is soaked through to the other side of the card.

Collection card has been labeled with patient's name and date of birth.

Invalid specimens



Quantity insufficient

Circles not completely filled or blood did not soak through; filter paper contaminated with powder or lotion.





Specimen not dried for a minimum of two hours prior to packaging.



Supersaturated

Excess blood applied (usually by capillary or needle) or blood applied to both sides of card.



Serum rings

Alcohol not wiped off puncture site before skin puncture; filter paper contaminated with alcohol, water or lotion; puncture site excessively squeezed; improperly dried; blood applied with capillary tube containing an anticoagulant.





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Scratched or abraded

Blood applied with capillary tube.





Diluted, discolored or contaminated

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Clotted or layered

Excess blood applied (usually by capillary or needle) several times or blood applied to both sides of card.





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