



**AFFIX BARCODE LABEL IN BOX
OR PRINT PATIENT INFORMATION**

ACCESSION #: _____

HOSPITAL MEDICAL RECORD #: _____

MOTHER'S NAME: _____

INFANT'S NAME: _____

☐ MALE ☐ FEMALE

BIRTH WEIGHT (gm): _____

DOB: _____

ESTIMATED GESTATIONAL AGE: _____

TIME OF BIRTH: _____ (Military Time)

Date of Collection: ____ / ____ / ____

Time of Collection: _____ (Military Time)

TPN stopped ≥4 h before collection: ☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ NA

Did baby receive a transfusion of blood products before this specimen was collected: ☐ YES ☐ NO

Collector's Full Name: _____

☐ First Specimen ☐ Retest Specimen

PCP Name: _____

PCP Telephone #: _____

Specimen collected by facility of birth: ☐ YES ☐ NO

If not collected by the facility of birth, please complete the following:

Facility/Practice submitting specimen: _____

Submitter's Address: _____

Submitter's Telephone: _____

Do NOT use area below this line



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INSTRUCTIONS: PLEASE PRINT

- Check expiration date on card.
- Use ballpoint pen to fill out form completely.
- Store specimen cards in a cool, dry place.
- Do not handle filter paper portion.
Skin oils will prevent proper saturation.

SAMPLE COLLECTION:

The ideal collect time is 24-48 hours of age for an infant not receiving blood products.



RIGHT

WRONG

WRONG

WRONG

ACCEPTABLE

Circle filled
and evenly
saturated

UNACCEPTABLE

Layering

Insufficient,
multiple applications

Serum rings present

**COLLECT SAMPLE FROM
SHADED AREA**

1. Sterilize and dry skin. Puncture heel with sterile lancet. Wipe away first drop of blood.
2. Allow large blood droplet to form.
3. Apply blood specimen to front of the card **ONLY**.
Touch filter paper to blood and allow to soak through completely in each circle. Total saturation of the circles must be evident when the paper is viewed on both sides.
4. Do **NOT** use capillary tubes to apply blood. They may damage the filter paper.
5. Air dry blood spots for four hours horizontally in the drying rack at room temperature.
Keep away from direct sunlight, heat and humidity.
DO **NOT** allow wet specimen to touch any other surface.
6. Send filter paper cards to DPH lab within 24 hours of collection.

Note: Specimens may be unsatisfactory if:

- Card is expired.
- Circles are not completely filled (QNS).
- Sample is oversaturated due to layering of blood or use of capillary tubes.
- Filter paper is poorly soaked.
- Card is contaminated.
 - a. Do not touch sample area
 - b. Do not use card if damage is evident

