

FirstScreen
Newborn Screening
Specimen Sample Validity



Valid Specimen



Allow a sufficient quantity of blood to soak through to completely fill the pre-printed circle of the filter paper.
DO NOT layer successive drops of blood.

Invalid Specimen

Possible Causes



Insufficient Sample.
Blood drop was not large enough when spotted on the card. Blood was not soaked through.



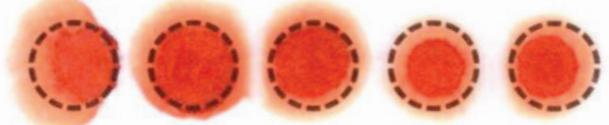
Blood possibly applied with a capillary tube.



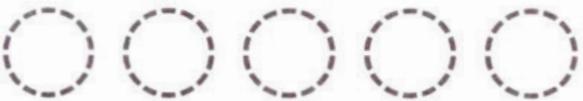
Specimen not dried properly before mailing.



Oversaturated sample.
(Too much blood was spotted on the card)



Contamination of blood with alcohol.
(Puncture site not dried completely after cleaning)
Excessive squeezing or milking of puncture site.



No sample.
Failure to obtain blood specimen.