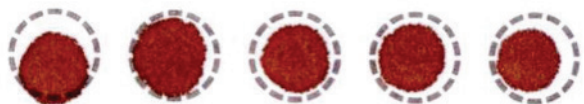


## FirstScreen Newborn Screening Specimen Sample Validity



### 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.



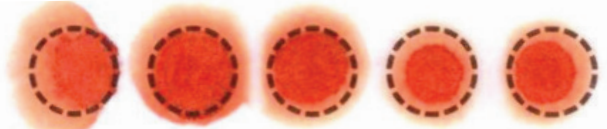
Blood possibly applied with a capillary tube.



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.