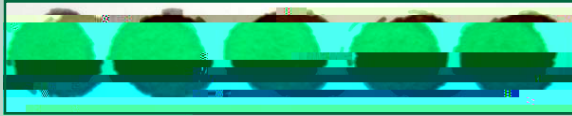


BLOOD SPOT CHECK

ACCEPTABLE SPECIMEN

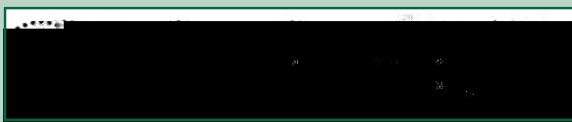


• Position for at least three hours,

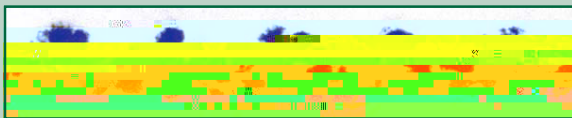
- away from direct contact with surfaces, heat, and sunlight.
- The specimen is sent to the appropriate location no more than 24 hours after collection.

UNACCEPTABLE SPECIMENS

POSSIBLE CAUSES



- Failure to obtain any blood



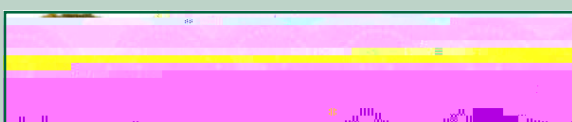
- Filter paper circle incompletely filled or not saturated
- Blood applied to filter paper with needle or capillary tube
- Contamination of surface of filter paper circle



- Blood applied improperly with capillary tube or by other means



- Specimen not properly dried before mailing



- Excess blood applied to the filter paper, usually with capillary tube or needle
- Blood applied to both sides of the filter paper



- Filling the circle from both sides of the filter paper



- Alcohol not allowed to dry completely before skin puncture is made
- Allowing filter paper to come in contact with alcohol, water, hand lotion, etc.
- Squeezing the area around the puncture site excessively
- Drying the specimen improperly
- Applying blood to filter paper with a capillary tube