BLOOD WAS CAKED, CLOTTED, OR LAYERED ONTO THE FILTER PAPER

A heavy application of blood on the filter paper may result in false negative or false positive results. The below examples display some of the varying degrees of caking, clotting and layering.

These 3 specimens appear to have had a second application of blood on top of blood that had already dried.
This specimen displays clotting

This specimen appears to have had blood collected on both sides of the card. The specimen appears oversaturated and thick

One of the most common combinations of unsatisfactory qualities; the specimen below displays a layered quality on one side, yet on the reverse it was not allowed to soak completely through