

## **BLOOD DID NOT SOAK THROUGH PAPER DUE TO INCOMPLETE SATURATION**

### **TIPS TO AVOID THIS TYPE OF REJECTION:**

- Use the proper size lancet (<2.0mm length). A finger lancet is not recommended.
- Wipe away the first drop of blood.
- Allow large blood drop to form. Then lightly touch filter paper to the blood drop while watching it soak through to ensure that the circle is completely filled.
- Complete one circle at a time. 3 good quality circles are better than 5 poor quality circles.
- Avoid applying additional blood to an incompletely filled circle. This often results in caking or clotting.

**Make sure  
blood  
completely  
soaks through**

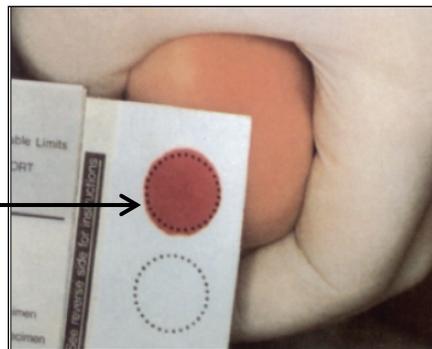


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### **Questions**

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