

**NEWBORN SCREENING - COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS**  
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Specimens should be collected on all newborns as late as practical prior to discharge (at or before 7 days for sick/premature newborns). A second screen is also required at 1-2 weeks (later if sick/premature-see Rules). **CORD BLOOD IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.** Invalid results may occur on:

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- Infants of low birth weight, receiving antibiotics, or having transfusion.
- Specimens accompanied by improper or incomplete paper work.
- Infants on TPN or soy formula.

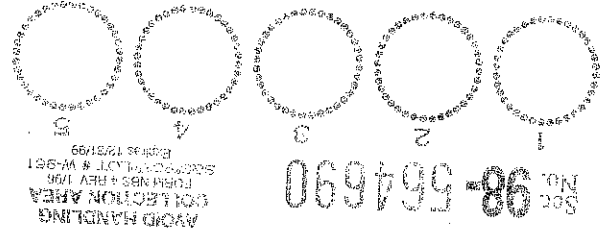
**Completion of Form**

1. Legibly print all information requested in blocks provided; **USE ONLY BLACK INK AND BLOCK CAPITAL LETTERS.**
2. Use code number as indicated for sex, ethnic code, status and test.
3. If a repeat specimen has been requested, enter reference number provided by Texas Department of Health in appropriate blocks.
4. Enter complete address for location to which results are to be sent in space provided. Labels for this purpose may be ordered from Texas Department of Health, Bureau of Laboratories.

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- Note: Specimens may be **UNSATISFACTORY** if:
- A. All circles are not completely filled.
  - B. All filled circles are not thoroughly saturated.
  - C. Filter paper is scratched or unevenly saturated from improper use of capillary tubes.
  - D. Specimen appears contaminated.
  - E. Clotted or caked blood present on filter paper.
  - F. Interference with assay possibly due to antibiotics or other inhibitory substance.
  - G. Incomplete elution of blood from filter paper.
  - H. Paperwork incomplete or improperly completed.
  - I. Filter paper separated from form.
  - J. Specimen received more than 5 days following date of collection.
  - K. Specimen appears to have separated into cells and serum.



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