

Steps to Collecting the Newborn Screening* Blood Test

Using the New 2007 Form

1

Fill in **all** blanks on the Test Request Form (TRF) according to the instruction on the back. (Please print legibly using **all capital letters with one character per box.**)



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Check that all information on the TRF is complete, correct and matches the newborn's ID band. Verify the name of pediatric care provider with the parent.

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Drop the blood on the attached filter paper specimen collection card.



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After collecting the blood, tear out both the sender's copy and parents' copy which includes the privacy notification required by HIPAA. Give the pink & blue copy to the parent.

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The sender's copy, formerly the goldenrod copy, is now marked with a yellow stripe. File this copy in the newborn's medical record.



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Dry blood spots (lying flat) for at least 3 hours.

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Send original TRF with the attached specimen collection card and completed transport log to the testing lab.

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