

Steps to Collecting the Newborn Screening Blood Test.

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

2 Fill in newborn's name, birthdate and collection date, and medical record number on the Specimen Collection Card.

3 Check that all information on the Specimen Collection Card and TRF are complete, correct and match the newborn's ID band.

4 Spot the blood on the Specimen Collection Card.

5 Pull off both sections of the barcode labels from the Specimen Collection Card

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place one on the original TRF, place the other on the goldenrod copy of the TRF.

6 Detach goldenrod copy and file in the newborn's medical record.

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

8 Fold Specimen Collection Card so blood spots are covered by the flap with the biohazard sign displayed on top of card.

9 Send original TRF, Specimen Collection Card, and completed transport log to the testing lab daily.

