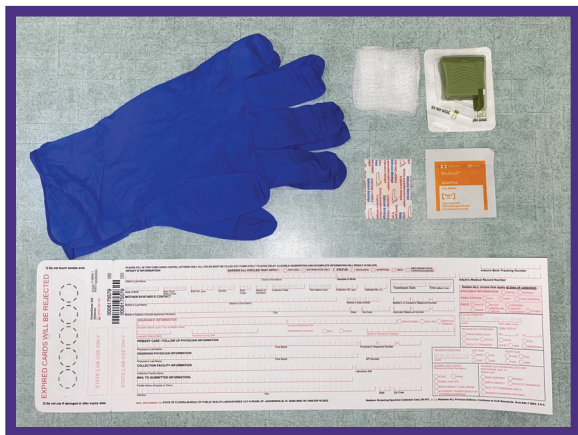


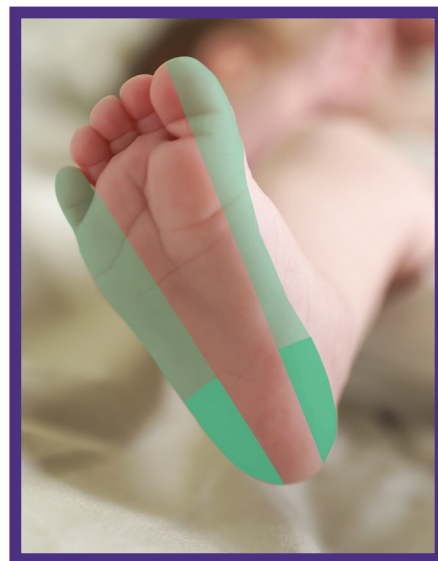
FLORIDA NEWBORN SCREENING

BLOOD SPECIMEN COLLECTION & HANDLING PROCEDURES



- » Equipment needed for blood collection procedure: sterile lancet, alcohol prep, gauze pads, specimen card, bandage, and gloves.
- » Complete ALL information on the specimen card. Take care not to handle the filter paper collection area.
- » Tips to increase blood flow include:
 - » Hold foot in a dependent position.
 - » Use the warming method approved by the collection facility.
- » The opaque green area along the bottom sides of the heel illustrated below indicates suitable areas for puncture site.

- » Clean site with alcohol prep and wipe dry with gauze.
- » Puncture the heel with lancet and wipe away the first blood drop.
- » Allow another LARGE blood drop to form and lightly touch to the filter paper.
- » The blood drop should soak through the filter paper and fill the collection circle.
- » Only apply blood to one side of the filter paper.
- » Fill all collection circles in the same manner as above.
- » Gentle pressure may be applied to the foot to encourage continued blood flow.



- » If blood flow is diminished, clean a new site and repeat steps to obtain more blood.
- » Specimens must dry horizontally for 3-4 hours on a drying rack before packaging.
- » Mail completed card to the Bureau of Public Health Laboratories (BPHL) - Jacksonville within 24 hours of collection, via overnight shipping method.
- » Shipping address: 1215 N Pearl St., Jacksonville, FL 32202