



## Sample Acceptability

Specimens will be rejected if they do not meet the quality set forth by the Ohio Department of Health. These conditions have been set up in accordance with the standards set forth by the Clinical Laboratory Standards Institute (Refer: Blood Collection of Filter Paper for Newborn Screening Programs: Approved Standard – Fifth Edition – LA4-A5, Volume 27, No.20).

Samples can be considered unsatisfactory and rejected for the following reasons:

- Insufficient Quantity
- Appears Scratched or abraded
- Not dried prior to mailing
- Supersaturated
- Diluted, discolored, or contaminated
- Exhibits serum rings
- Clotted or layered
- No blood
- Received 10 days after sample draw

Please refer to the poster on 'UNSAT' specimens supplied by the Ohio Department of Health for guidance of this matter.

If any of the specimens sent by your facility has been deemed UNSAT by ODH, you will be contacted by the ODH Laboratory and asked to send a second sample for the baby within 5 working days. Please remember that any UNSAT specimen delays the screening process by a week or more and this delay could adversely affect a newborn with some of the disorders screened for in Ohio.