

# SPOT CHECK!

## Is your NBS specimen collection satisfactory?

*Unsatisfactory samples can cause delays in diagnoses and critical treatment during a newborn's most vulnerable period.*

## THE S-S-S SPOT CHECK

### 1. SIZE

-   **Blood fills each circle but does not run together**
-   **Too small**  
Blood does not reach the outer dotted line
-   **Too large**  
Blood spots run into each other

### 2. SATURATION

Turn card over and inspect the back.

-   **Blood completely soaks through**
-   **Incomplete**  
White areas on the back of filter paper; does not soak through

### 3. SPECIMEN QUALITY

-   **Blood has a uniform color appearance**
-   **Clotted**  
Darker flecks within the spot may indicate clotting
-   **Layered**  
Do NOT apply blood on top of previously applied blood (layering)

When in doubt, **RECOLLECT.**

Scan the QR code for collection info.

