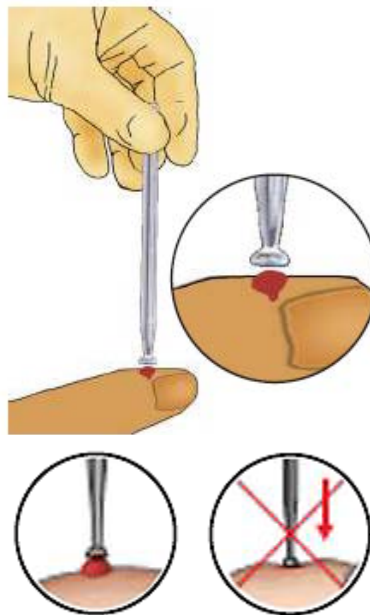




# HANDOUT

## How to collect blood using the inverted cup

- To obtain a nice big drop before pricking, massage the finger to stimulate blood circulation.
- Prick the patient's finger with a quick firm stab. Gently squeeze the finger to produce enough blood.
- Ensure a good-sized drop is on the finger before collecting.
- Holding the device in a vertical position, gently apply the bottom end of the cup to the top of the blood drop. The blood will be absorbed automatically. Only lift the device once the cup has filled with blood.
  - Do not press the device against the finger, otherwise it cannot get filled with blood and the volume will not be correct
  - Do not collect blood twice with the same blood transfer device if the collection fails. You must use a new one.
- For blood deposit, hold the device vertically. If only one side of the cup touches the RDT pad, the blood will not be fully released.
- During the transfer of blood from the finger to the RDT, do not make any sudden movements or touch anything with the transfer device (either could lead to spillage of blood from the device).



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