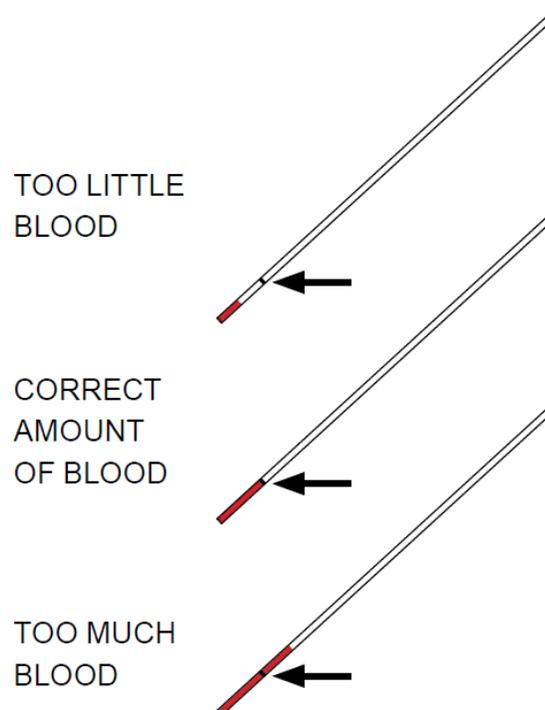




HANDOUT

How to collect blood using capillary tube

- The blood collection should be done from the finger in palm-up position.
- Ensure a good-sized drop is on the finger before collecting.
- Collect just to the mark by placing the tip of the capillary tube on the blood drop.
- Do not lift the tip until the required amount of blood is collected. Lifting the tube early will allow air bubbles to enter.
- To transfer the blood, put the tip of the capillary tube on the pad at the bottom of the sample window on the test tray (square hole with letter A).
- Remain there until all blood has left the tube (lifting off for a moment will introduce air bubbles and result in poor blood transfer).
- The blood needs to reach and be absorbed by the pad at the bottom of the window. If the blood is mostly deposited on the plastic edges of the window, but does not reach the pad, the test will not work correctly



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