



HANDOUT

How to collect and transfer blood using a straw

- The blood collection should be done from the finger in palm-up position.
- There should be only a thin film of blood across the opening of the straw.
- Do not lift the tip of the straw as this will allow air bubbles to enter.
- To transfer the blood, touch the end of the straw to the sample window on the test tray (square hole with letter A).
- The blood needs to reach and be absorbed by the pad at the base 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.

TOO LITTLE
BLOOD



CORRECT
AMOUNT
OF BLOOD



TOO MUCH
BLOOD



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