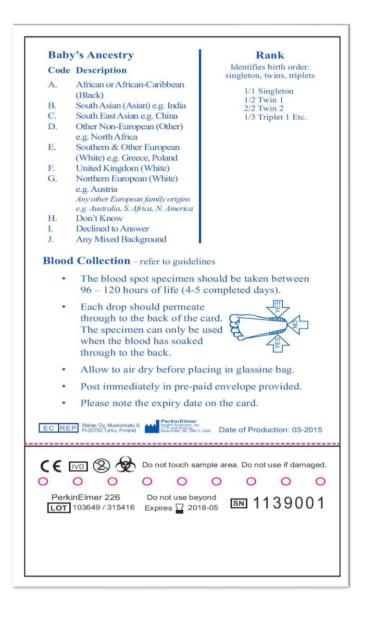


Completing the bloodspot card

Front of card Allow the blood to fill the circle by natural flow, and seep through from front to back Cards with no of the blood spot card. Fill each of the Cards from babies who are Baby's CHI four circles completely. Always ensure less than 96 hours old will that the sample is applied to the front of number will NOT NOT be processed be processed the card and not the back. Do not allow the heel to make contact with the card as this can prevent blood from soaking through to the back of the card. PLEASE PRINT NOT DETACH FOLD OR PLACE IN A POLYTHENE Expired Cards will NOT be processed. Practice Code not mandatory This includes cards that may have for Lab to process expired while in transit to lab. Cards have a 3 to 4 year life span. The Baby's Surname and DOB must also be completed on this portion of the card for identification purposes as this part is separated from the rest of the card

Back of card



Baby's Ancestry – This information is important for SCD testing

Rank – This gives birth order in multiple pregnancies

Blood Collection - It may be easier to obtain a venous sample however this must be drawn into a plain syringe with no additives and then the blood should be applied directly to the card.

First column	
CHI number	The use of the CHI number is a mandatory requirement and should always be noted in full. Ensure the baby's CHI number is supplied and not the mothers.
Mother's or Baby's Alternative Surname	If more than one name is known please document both
Address	This is the home address of the baby at the time of birth
Post code	This should be in full
Parent contact telephone number	This is important as immediate contact with parents may be required.
Hospital of birth	Name of hospital or where the baby was born.
GP/ GP address	GP surgery and address
Second column	
Baby's DOB and time of birth	This must be accurate as the interpretation of results for some tests is dependent on the age of the child. If the sample is taken too early, i.e. before 4 completed days of age, this can invalidate the results
Gender	Select option
Rank	Important to indicate whether baby is a twin etc. as shown on the back of the card e.g. 1/1, 1/2. This will avoid the specimen being treated as a duplicate specimen of another baby
Gestation	Gestation that the baby was born at and is important for some of the tests. Mark in weeks and days
Baby's Ancestry	Choose from one of the family origin codes, as detailed on the back of the card
Mother born in the UK	This is used in relation to some epidemiological studies
Mothers DOB	Used as another link to the baby if details differ from those held by Child Health Information System
Third column	
Type of feed	If more than one type applies tick both i.e. breast and bottle 'Other' is for total parenteral nutrition (TPN) in cases of sick babies.
Current Hospital and ward if applicable	If the baby is still in hospital please supply the hospital and ward, this will allow child health to locate the baby if a repeat sample is needed.

Has baby had a transfusion	Date of transfusion must be included. Please also indicate if the transfusion was a blood transfusion or other product such as platelets or FFP. The interpretation of results will differ depending on whether blood or other products were given.
Comments	Record any condition(s) where screening has been declined (specify which conditions and see guide for additional steps when screening is declined). In addition, it. should be used to record 'No Storage' or 'No Research' if parents have requested this. This space should also be used to record: • any relevant antenatal screening results • parent(s) known carriers of haemoglobin variants/CF • Meconium ileus • any family history relevant to the conditions screened for • nipple cream used by mother, as this can result in false positive isovaleric acidaemia (IVA) • reason for sample if not taken between 96-120 hours (e.g. pre transfusion, preterm CHT) • Baby moved into Lothian but born elsewhere • congenital hypothyroidism (CHT) preterm day 28/discharged home sample • repeat sample for inconclusive cystic fibrosis (CF) • repeat sample for borderline CHT • Alternative address if the family will be staying elsewhere at the time of the result being issued.
Date and time Specimen Taken	This is essential. The lab uses this to determine age of baby when sample was taken. Cards without this date will not be issued with a result until this has been established. The time the specimen has been taken must also be provided to allow the laboratory to confirm that the baby is over 96 hours old
Specimen Taken By	Name of healthcare professional
Contact Telephone Number of Health Professional	Will allow immediate contact if the laboratory or clinical service needs to make direct contact with the healthcare professional
Lab use only	Must be left blank. This will be used for the laboratory's unique numbering system

Screening Declined

If parents decide not to accept the offer of screening, or the baby is over twelve months old, this should be recorded in clinical notes and on the child health system. Parents should be asked to seek medical advice and remind staff that their baby has not been tested if their baby has signs of chronic health problems such as developmental delay, chronic diarrhoea or repeated lower respiratory tract infections.

Blood spot card should be completed and in Comments add: Screening Declined

Order stock

Blood spot cards/envelopes /glassine bags direct from the lab in Glasgow, contact number 0141-354-9277