## Instructions for Blood Spot Collection (> 1 yr old)

- 1. Wash hands thoroughly
- 2. Warm the middle or ring finger to be poked under warm running water, or with a warm wash cloth for 3-5 minutes
- Dry and wipe with an alcohol wipe and air dry
- Position lancet on left or right side of the middle or ring finger; poke finger with spring loaded lancet and count to 2 before removing



- 5. Wipe away the first drop of blood with sterile gauze
- Apply gentle pressure (do not squeeze hard) and allow a drop of blood to fall on each of 3 circles
- 7. Fill 3 circles, making sure blood has soaked through to the other side



- 8. Fill out the label on the card with **date and time** of collection
- 9. Allow card to air dry, open for 3 hours
- Close card and place in plastic bag and preaddressed and postage-paid envelope
- Mail to Seattle Children's Hospital Laboratory on the same day.

Please call your transplant coordinator with any questions or concerns: **206-987-1800** 

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