

## Procedure for Filter Paper Blood Collection

1. Thoroughly wash patient's hands with soap and water. Dry with a clean paper towel.
2. Swab the patient's finger with alcohol and air dry.
3. Write the collection date and patient's name in the appropriate space on the collection paper cover.
4. Untuck filter paper cover and fold back to expose collection circles.
5. Puncture the patient's finger with a sterile, disposable lancet.
6. Collect blood into one of the circles. Repeat this process into a second circle. (Please be sure circles are filled and saturated through to the other side being careful not to get blood on the paper cover.)

**\*\*Do not rub the patient's finger with the collection paper!**

7. Allow the blood drops to dry for approximately 5min.
8. Close the filter paper cover and retuck flap. Put the Proteinsaver 903 card into the postage-free tyvek (white) mailer along with the appropriate completed ID forms. If more than one card is being shipped, use a rubber band to keep the cards together. Mail within 3 – 5 days.