

**NBS Lab Specimen Quality Indicator (QI) Codes:**

Q1	Oversaturated
Q5	Minimal Specimen to Assay; Circle Underfilled
Q6	Minimal Specimen to Assay; Uneven Saturation
Q8	Uneven Saturation
Q10	Uneven Saturation; Filter Paper Scratched
Q11	Inadequate Saturation
Q12	Circles Underfilled
Q14	Double Spotted
Q15	Spotted on Both Sides
Q16	Multiple Small Dots
Q17	Filter Paper Scratched by Capillary Tube
Q18	Clots on Card
Q19	Paperwork Incomplete
Q20	Specimen Received >5 Days After Collection
Q21	Specimen Received >3 Days After Collection
Q25*	Specimen Unacceptable; Clots on Card
Q26*	Specimen Unacceptable; Contaminated with Tissue Fluid
Q27*	Specimen Unacceptable; Inadequate Saturation
Q28*	Specimen Unacceptable; Multiple Overlapped Spots
Q29*	Specimen Unacceptable; Grossly Oversaturated
Q30*	Specimen Damaged
Q31*	Specimen QNS (Quantity Not Sufficient)
Q32*	No Blood on Card
Q33*	Specimen Received >10 Days after Collection
Q34*	ID Doubtful

QI COLOR KEY
Heel Stick Collection
NBS Card
Timeliness-based