

## Annexe 5: Technique of Preparation of Blood Smear






For preparation of blood smears following items are required:

1. Clean glass slides
2. Disposable Lancet
3. Spirit or Cotton swab for cleaning the finger
4. Cotton
5. Clean piece of cotton cloth
6. Lead pencil

After the patient information has been recorded on the appropriate form, the blood films are made as under:

- Take a clean glass slide free from grease and scratches
- Clean the finger of the patient using a spirit swab

### Take the following steps for preparation of the blood smear:

	i. Select the second or third finger of the left hand
	ii. The site of the puncture is the side of the ball of the finger, not too close to the nail bed
	iii. Allow the blood come up automatically. Do not squeeze the finger.
	iv. Hold the slide by its edges
	v. The size of the blood drop is controlled better if the finger touches the slides from below