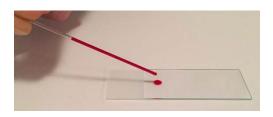


To do a blood smear



1. Place a small drop of well-mixed EDTA blood on one end of a microscope slide.



2. Place a cover glass in front of the blood drop at an angle of about 40°.



3. Pull the cover glass back into the blood drop, so that the blood flows out along the edge of the cover glass.



4. Slide the cover glass forward over the microscope slide with a steady, even hand movement



5. Allow the specimen to dry quickly by waving it in the air. Write the patient's ID information in pencil on the marking surface of the microscope slide.