**Procedure**

Take a single drop of blood from a mixed sample container and place to one end of a labelled clean slide.

1. Check the slides label with the sample bottle; they should be the same.
2. Bring the edge of another slide (the pusher slide) in contact with the drop and allow the drop to bank evenly behind the spreader.
3. The angle between the two slides has to be 30-40°
4. Now, push to the left in a smooth, quick motion. The smear should cover about half the slide.
5. Discard the pusher slide in the Biohazard Discard Bag or Slide Discard Jar.
6. Allow smear to air dry in a dust free area.