

PREPARING BLOOD SMEARS

The following two pictures illustrate the correct way to make a blood smear. The positioning and angle of the slides is **CRITICAL**. **If your smear does not end**, i.e. the blood goes all the way to the end of the slide, **increase the angle** of your spreader slide. **If the smear is too short**, **decrease the angle** of the spreader slide. Grip the spreader slide as close to the end as possible and apply equal pressure across. Unequal pressure will result in a partial smear.

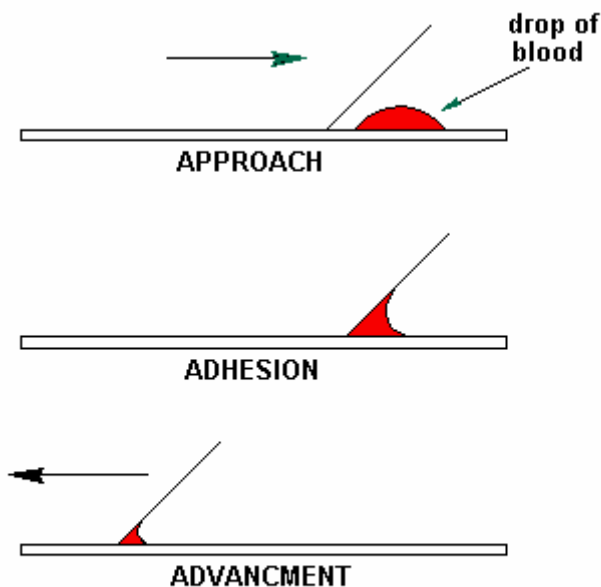
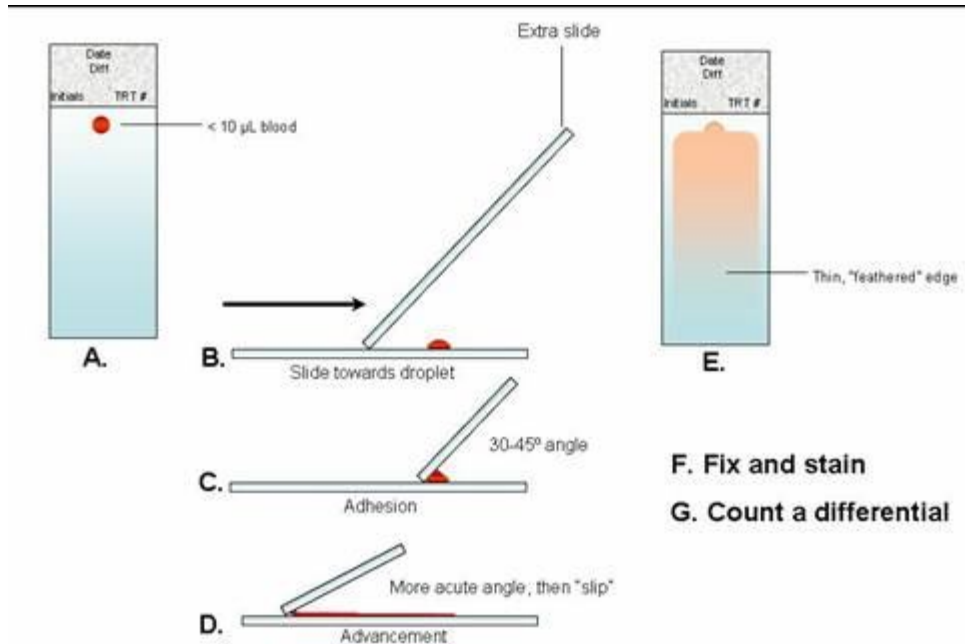


Fig. 13 - How to prepare a blood smear.