carry-over

Also contains definition of: carry-over effect

A process by which materials are carried into a reaction mixture to which they do not belong. These materials can be either parts of a specimen, or reagents including the diluent or wash solution. In such cases, carry-over means the transfer of material (specimen or reagents) from one container, or from one reaction mixture, to another one. It can be either unidirectional or bidirectional in a series of specimens or assays. The term carry-over effect is used for carry-over from specimen to specimen.

Source:

PAC, 1991, 63, 301 (Proposals for the description and measurement of carry-over effects in clinical chemistry (Recommendations 1991)) on page 302

PAC, 1989, 61, 1657 (Nomenclature for automated and mechanised analysis (Recommendations 1989)) on page 1663