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YOUR BABY'S **FIRST STEP**
IN THE
RIGHT DIRECTION

Newborn Screening

is a test done before you leave the hospital using a few drops of blood from your baby's heel to screen for certain rare, but serious disorders. Babies with these disorders may look and act like healthy newborns, but may have a medical condition that could cause disability or even death. Most babies with these conditions who are identified within the first few days of life can receive treatment and grow up to be healthy and have normal development.

**Ask your health care provider
about newborn screening.**

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