# Newborn Screening for Critical Congenital Heart Disease: CDC Activities

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Tasks Assigned to CDC by HHS Secretary, Kathleen Sebelius (2011)

 Evaluate state surveillance to monitor the effectiveness of CCHD newborn screening programs

 Conduct a cost-effectiveness analysis of newborn screening by pulse oximetry for the early identification of CCHD

 Leverage an electronic health record framework for congenital heart defects, including CCHD



### Evaluate State Surveillance to Monitor the Effectiveness of CCHD Screening Programs



Collaborated on a survey of state birth defects surveillance programs to assess programs' potential roles, capabilities, and readiness to assist with newborn screening activities for CCHD (2011)

### Evaluate State Surveillance to Monitor the Effectiveness of CCHD Screening Programs

- Worked with state birth defects surveillance programs, hospitals, and state health departments to understand how to implement and improve screening (2012)
  - Epi-Aid and Econ-Aid in New Jersey to evaluate the first three months of their state-mandated CCHD screening
  - Epi-Aid in Georgia to evaluate voluntary CCHD screening

Assess:

Screening data flow and tracking at each facility
Electronic health records (EHR) capabilities at each facility
Process of communicating screening data to the state birth defects registry

## Cost-Effectiveness Analysis of CCHD Screening by Pulse Oximetry (2013)

- CCHD screening appears to be cost effective
- Time-motion studies and resource utilization questionnaire to assess hospital cost burden
- Screening time ~9 minutes per newborn (including documentation and cleaning)
- Screening costs ~\$14 per newborn
- In New Jersey
  - Hospital costs for CCHD screening were much lower among hospitals that used reusable screening equipment
  - Nursing staff reported that pulse oximetry was a familiar skill, and screening all newborns for CCHD was easily added to other routine tasks





## Leverage an Electronic Health Record Framework for Congenital Heart Defects, Including CCHD

- CDC collaboration with the National Library of Medicine and the National Heart Lung and Blood Institute
- Mapping CCHD conditions to various coding systems
  - Highlight similarities and differences between codes

Goal: Facilitate meaningful data exchange between

stakeholders





### Evaluation and Optimization of CCHD Screening Algorithms

- Goal: compare performance of CCHD screening algorithms and to design an optimal algorithm for CCHD using mathematical modeling
- Use existing data from healthcare systems that are already conducting CCHD screening and have available data (not prospectively collecting data)
  - CDC will serve as data repository
  - Participating sites will submit deidentified, individual-level data



#### Evaluation and Optimization of CCHD Screening Algorithms



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- Data elements: age at screen, sex, race/ ethnicity, saturation percentages, extremity tested, pass/fail, false or true positive, false or true negative
- Apply different algorithms to these data to identify how children would have performed using other screening algorithms
- Current/Tentative Timeline:
  - April 2014 to Summer Hospitals/healthcare systems send data
  - Fall 2014-Winter 2014/2015 Mathematical modeling, data analysis
  - Early 2015 Results available
  - Spring 2015 Publish results



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