# **Newborn Screening**

### **Train the Trainer**



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## **Newborn Bloodspot Screening**

#### Purpose

- Newborn screening (NBS) is the practice of testing every newborn for harmful or potentially fatal disorders that are not otherwise apparent at birth.
- Early detection and prompt treatment can make the difference between healthy development or lifelong impairment and possible death.



### **Screening vs. Diagnostic**

- The newborn screen is just that... a screen.
  - Screening results, by themselves, cannot determine the presence or absence of a disorder.
- Diagnostic results refer to the combination of signs, symptoms, and test results that allows the doctor to **confirm** the diagnosis of a respective disease.



### Who Decides?

#### By law:

- The Oklahoma Board of Health decides which disorders are screened for on the panel.
- The proposed disorders must be approved by Legislation before they are added for screening.
- Oklahoma currently screens for more than 50 possible hidden disorders.
- Oklahoma will continue to expand the NBS panel.



### **Autosomal Recessive**

- Most NBS disorders are autosomal recessive with the exception of:
  - Congenital Hypothyroidism (CH)
  - Some forms of Severe Combined Immunodeficiency (SCID)
- Usually no prior family history
- Risk for <u>each</u> pregnancy if both parents are a carrier of a disorder:



## **Education for Parents**



### **Parent Education**

- NBS is collected on **every** baby born in Oklahoma.
- Importance of correct contact info & PCP for follow-up.
  - No news is not good news! Update NBS Program with changes in home address and/or PCP.
- Review hidden disorders, using NBS pamphlet as a guide.
- Specimens are kept by the OSDH lab for <u>42</u> days before being destroyed.
- Explain that most affected newborns do not exhibit signs & symptoms early on.
- Prompt identification & treatment of disorders is critical.

### **Parent Education**

- Instruct parents to ask for screen results on first visit to PCP.
- Tell parents to bring the Blue or Pink slip to their baby's first doctor's visit.

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### **Parent Education**

- Review reasons why a repeat screen may be needed:
  - Unsatisfactory Specimen
  - Out-of-range results
    - Possible disorder identified
    - Hgb Trait condition
  - Specimens collected less than 24 hours
    - Risk for missing some disorders
  - **Premature or Sick Infants** (TPN & antibiotics could affect results)
  - Not collected prior to a blood transfusion



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- Ex: 2017-11 means the filter paper expires the last day of November 2017.
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- Gestational Age
  - List gestational age at birth.
  - Follow-up for abnormal SCID results are gestational age dependent.





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Birthweight (in grams)

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- Birth order (if multiple birth is present)
  - Indicate "A", "B", "C", etc.. if baby is of a multiple birth (twin, triplet, etc..).
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- Infant's provider/physician
  - Planned health care provider upon discharge from birthing facility
  - Extremely important to include in case newborn screen results are abnormal and require follow-up



### Filling out the Form: Mom's Information

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Mom's first & last name



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Mom's address:

Street, Apt # (if applicable), City, State, Zip



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- Mom's telephone number
  - Extremely important to include in case newborn screen results are abnormal and require follow-up



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- Check the box if parents refuse the NBS
  - Provide parents with a NBS brochure & answer any questions they might have about the screen
  - Ensure the parents fill out a Refusal Form; keep a copy for baby's record & fax a copy to the NBS Program using fax # 405-271-4892.



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  - List previous OSDH Lab Number, if applicable.



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- Check all that apply for baby at the time of specimen collection:
  - > TPN
  - Antibiotics
  - Lactose-Free (Soy) Formula
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  - Family History of Cystic Fibrosis (CF)

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- Test Requested: check the appropriate box(es)
  - All Tests always check unless test is for HGB Only or Phe Monitor. This ensures the lab screens for all disorders on the newborn screening panel
  - HGB Only check if repeat screen is follow-up for initial abnormal HGB result
  - CFTR check (alongside All Tests) if baby has clinical concerns for Cystic Fibrosis, meconium ileus, and/or family history of CF
  - Phe Monitor check only if baby has been diagnosed with PKU



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- Adoption (if applicable)
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- > Pulse Oximetry (CCHD) Screen: check one
  - Not Performed
  - Pass
  - > Fail
  - Echo
  - Refused



Note: If parents refuse the pulse oximetry screen, provide them with a pulse oximetry brochure and answer any questions they might have about the screen. Ensure the parents fill out a Refusal Form; keep a copy for baby's record & fax a copy to the NBS Program using fax # 405-271-4892.



- Submitting Health Provider ID #
  - This is the ID of the provider/facility who collected the specimen.



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Unsatisfactory Specimen Follow-up

Scanned images of unsatisfactory specimens are emailed back to hospitals to be used for continuing education. Specimen collectors can place their initials and unit in the indicated area, as shown below, for identification of who collected the specimen in the event that it is unsuitable for testing. This allows for easier identification of the collecting individual so that further education on specimen collection can be provided.



## **Collecting the Specimen**



### **Time of Screening: Healthy Newborn**



### Time of Screening: Premature or Sick Newborns





### **Specimen Collection**

#### Heel Stick / Direct Application

Preferred, recommended method



\*Start with clean, dry hands before handling the filter paper\*


#### **Prepare the Site**

- Warm the heel with a heel warmer or a soft cloth, moistened with warm water up to 41° C for 3 to 5 minutes.
  - Warmth leads to vasodilation, which increases bloodflow and chance of collection success.

# \*Follow your hospital protocol regarding which warming device to use\*



#### **Prepare the Site**

- Encourage skin-to-skin contact between newborn and parent during specimen collection.
  - Decreases stress response in newborn
  - Encourages bonding
- Position the infant's leg lower than the heart.
  - This increases venous pressure, which results in increased blood flow and a greater chance of collection success.
- Wearing gloves, wipe the infant's heel with 70% isopropyl alcohol.
- Allow the heel to air dry!
  - Residual alcohol can affect NBS results &/or lead to unsat specimens.



#### **Lancet Placement**

- Hatched areas are safe for puncture
  - Damage to nerves and/or the heel bone may occur for punctures outside of the hatched region.

#### **Perform the Puncture: Lancet Specifications**

#### ► Full term infants (gest. age <u>></u>37 wks):

- Standard incision is 2.5 mm in length & 1 mm in depth.
  - The vascular bed of an infant's heel is about 0.35 to 0.82 mm beneath the skin; the 1 mm length of the lancet incises across this capillary-rich area for optimum blood flow. Pain fibers increase in abundance below 2.4 mm; the 1 mm incision depth also works to reduce the pain experience.

#### Premature infants (gest. age < 37 wks):</p>

- Incision specifications are 1.75 mm in length & 0.85 mm in depth.
  - This is about 40% smaller than the incision for a full term infant.
- Summarized from the Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI) guidelines. Please refer to these guidelines for further information.



#### **Perform the Puncture**

- Using a sterile lancet, perform the puncture.
- Gently wipe off the first drop of blood with a sterile gauze or cotton ball.
- Apply gentle pressure with thumb and around heel but not near the puncture site; ease intermittently as drops of blood form.
- Avoid "milking" the puncture site.



#### **Application**

- Gently touch the filter paper card to the blood drop and fill each printed circle with **one** large drop of blood.
- Apply blood to one side only.
- Observe the saturation of each printed circle as the blood flows through the filter paper.

#### What about capillary tubes?

#### Not preferred

- Higher risk for collection error
- If used, must be sterile/clean & plain.
  - No additives! Must be anti-coagulant free.
  - However... no anti-coagulants = risk for clotting
- Risk of scratching the filter paper.
  - Avoid touching the capillary tip to the paper.
- Use a new tube for <u>each</u> pre-printed circle.



• EDTA, citrate, & heparin • interfere with test results!

#### What about venous samples?

#### Discouraged

- May be appropriate under certain circumstances (e.g. NICU).
- More invasive than a heel stick.
- Do not draw blood from extremity with infusing IV fluids.
- Please refer to current CLSI guidelines for more information.

#### What about umbilical catheters?

#### Discouraged

- May be appropriate under certain circumstances (e.g. NICU).
- Ensure the line is cleared by withdrawing 2 2.5 cc (mL) of blood prior to collection a specimen for NBS.
- Please refer to current CLSI guidelines for more information.

#### What about umbilical cord blood?

#### Discouraged

- May be appropriate under certain circumstances (e.g. NICU).
- Risk for maternal blood contamination.
- Repeat the newborn screen using the heel stick method when indicated.
- Please refer to current CLSI guidelines for more information.

### **Specimen Collection:** What NOT to Do

- Do NOT dab or "color in" the filter paper circles.
- Do NOT apply multiple drops of blood per circle.
- Do NOT scratch the filter paper.
- Do NOT contaminate specimens.
  - insufficient drying of alcohol, oils on hands, lotions, compressing the circles, spills, etc..
- Do NOT stack specimens.
  - risk for leaching & cross-contamination between specimens
- Do NOT submit wet specimens.
- Do NOT place specimens in direct sunlight or in front of air vents or other sources of moving air.
- Do NOT place wet specimens in plastic bags.
- Do NOT batch (hold onto) specimens.

# **Collection Reminders**

#### **Pre-collection:**

#### Check the Expiration Date of the filter paper

Ex: 2017-11 means the filter paper expires on the last day of November 2017 If filter paper is expired, discard the paper, check the stock of filter paper kits it came from to ensure they are not all expired, and collect on a kit that is not expired.



#### **Post-collection:**

#### Air dry specimen horizontally for 3-4 hours

Transporting wet specimens can make them unsatisfactory for testing.

#### Send specimen with Courier within 24 hours of collection

Delayed receipt of specimens to the Public Health Laboratory can delay identification of and treatment for a disorder, which can result in lifelong disability or even death for Oklahoma newborns.

Know the courier schedule and location for your facility! Ensure all staff involved in newborn screening are also aware of the process.

 Maintain specimen collection log & ensure screening results are received & recorded

Ensure that everybody who handles the filter paper or is involved in the newborn bloodspot collection process is trained

# **NBS Filter Paper Review**

Unsatisfactory ("Unsat") Specimen Examples

### **Filter Paper**

- The filter paper is part of the NBS Form. It is a medical device designed to absorb a specific volume of blood within each preprinted filter paper circle.
- If an analyte for any disorder is either too high or too low, this is an indication that additional testing is needed.
- Accurate results depend upon proper absorption of blood onto the filter paper.
  - Too much or too little blood may result in inaccurate results.

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## **Multiple Application**



#### Why Unsat?

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- When bloodspots overlap or touch, as is the case in the sample above, it creates an uneven absorption of blood.
- Analyte levels cannot be accurately measured.
  - Testing these specimens will result in inaccurate results.

# **Multiple Application**



It may be easier

application of blood drops by observing the back side of the

filter paper.

to identify multiple



#### Why Unsat?

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- When bloodspots overlap or touch, as is the case in the sample above, it creates an uneven absorption of blood.
- Analyte levels cannot be accurately measured.
  - Testing these specimens will result in inaccurate results.

# **Multiple Application – Prevention**

- Apply <u>one</u> large drop of blood to fill each pre-printed circle
- Patience, patience, patience!
  - Wait for a full, healthy drop of blood before applying to the filter paper.
- Avoid overlapping blood spots.
- Submitting an unsatisfactory specimen delays screening & potential identification and treatment of a disorder. If in doubt, recollect immediately!

### **Clotted or Caked Blood**



#### > Why Unsat?

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- Clots can occur using capillary tubes or if too much blood is applied to the pre-printed circles.
- Samples with clots are not suitable for testing.

### **Clotted or Caked Blood - Prevention**

- Avoid using capillary tubes for collection, if possible.
  - If a capillary tube is used, it must be sterile/clean and plain (anti-coagulant free) due to additives interfering with test results.
- Do not wait too long to apply the blood to the filter paper.
- It is easier to identify clots when the specimen is dry.
- Submitting an unsatisfactory specimen delays screening & potential identification and treatment of a disorder. If in doubt, recollect immediately!

### **Serum Rings**



Front

Back

#### Why Unsat?

- Notice the halos around the periphery of most of the pre-printed circles above. This can occur due to the following:
  - Insufficient drying of alcohol on the baby's heel prior to heelstick
  - Drying the specimen vertically instead of horizontally
  - Closing the flap of the filter paper on top of the circles while the specimen is still wet
  - Placing wet specimens in plastic bags
  - Milking or squeezing the puncture site

### **Serum Rings - Prevention**

- Ensure the alcohol dries on the newborn's heel prior to puncture.
- Avoid milking the heel site. Work your way around the infant's heel, using intermittent pressure as the drop of blood forms.
- Allow specimens to dry appropriately after collection:
  - Lay horizontally for 3-4 hours.
  - > Do not place wet specimens in plastic bags.
  - Do not close the flap over the pre-printed circles until the specimen is dry.
  - Avoid contamination, including alcohol and hand lotion.
- Submitting an unsatisfactory specimen delays screening & potential identification and treatment of a disorder. If in doubt, recollect immediately!

### **Inadequate Amount of Blood**



#### > Why Unsat?

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The above filter paper circles are not sufficiently filled with blood for testing.

#### Inadequate Amount of Blood- Prevention

- Set yourself up for success! Prior to specimen collection, ensure:
  - Baby's heel has been pre-warmed via warm cloth or heel warmer for up to 3-5 minutes.
    - > This leads to vasodilation, which increases bloodflow.
  - Baby's heel is lower than the heart.
    - This increases venous pressure, which enhances bloodflow.
- Patience, patience, patience!
  - Wait for a full, healthy drop of blood before applying to the filter paper.
- After each blood drop is applied, check to ensure that the blood has soaked completely through the filter paper.
- Submitting an unsatisfactory specimen delays screening & potential identification and treatment of a disorder. If in doubt, recollect immediately!

### **Under-Saturation**



#### > Why Unsat?

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Notice how the blood has not soaked all the way through the filter paper. There simply is not enough blood in this sample for testing.

### **Under-Saturation - Prevention**

- After each blood drop is applied, check to ensure that the blood has soaked completely through the filter paper.
- Patience, patience, patience!
  - Wait for a full, healthy drop of blood before applying to the filter paper.
- Submitting an unsatisfactory specimen delays screening & potential identification and treatment of a disorder. If in doubt, recollect immediately!

### **Acceptable Filter Paper**

Front

Back

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> Why Acceptable?

- Pre-printed circles are completely filled with blood
- Blood has soaked all the way through the filter paper
- Absence of clots or caked blood
- Absence of serum rings

### **Are All 5 Circles Needed?**





#### Why?

- If a result is flagging out-of-range, the specimen will be retested and the final result with be an average of three results. Each test requires an additional punch to be taken from the pre-printed circles.
- If the results for Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia (CAH) are out-of-range, two entire pre-printed circles will be removed & shipped to another laboratory for steroid profile testing.
- Disorders will continue to be added to the newborn screening panel.
- The specialist and family may request for the specimen to be sent to another laboratory for additional testing to assist in determining diagnosis.

#### For Reference...

Refer to Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI) for collection guidelines.

### **Unsat Reports – Web Access**

https://www.ok.gov/health/

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3. OSDH Home > Disease, Prevention, Preparedness > Public Health Laboratory > Every Baby Counts Of Program

"Every Baby Counts" Quality Improvement Program

The following links contain summarized data for transit time deliveries of NBS specimens and rates of unsatisfactory specimen submissions for birthing facili

TRANSIT-TIME REPORTS UNSATISFACTORY SPECIMEN REPORTS

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Unsatisfactory reports will be emailed to representatives at each facility.

### **Unsat Specimen Report Example**

DEC 2016: Unsatisfactory Specimen Report Low Volume Hospitals (Less than 731 Specimens per Year)



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### **Unsat Specimen Report Example**

DEC 2016: Unsatisfactory Specimen Report Medium Volume Hospitals (731-2499 Specimens per Year)



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#### **Unsat Specimen Report Example**

DEC 2016: Unsatisfactory Specimen Report High Volume Hospitals (2500 or More Specimens per Year)



Unsatisfactory Specimens

# NICU & Special Considerations

### Time of Screening: Premature or Sick Newborns





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### **NICU Special Considerations**

Factors that can interfere with screening results may include:



### **NICU Special Considerations**



- This result is often due to additives to feedings, such as TPN, carnitines, or MCT oil.
  - A repeat screen for an MELEV result should be collected after TPN is discontinued, at day 14 of life or prior to discharge, whichever comes first.

Transfusions

- Can affect **all** newborn screening results (especially HGB, Galactosemia, & Biotinidase Deficiency). Obtain NBS specimen prior to a blood transfusion, if possible.
  - If baby is transfused prior to initial screen, obtain two repeat screens:
    - 7 days post-transfusion &
    - 90-120 days post-transfusion
## **Additional Information**

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#### **Hospital Responsibilities**

- Ensure **all** infants are screened prior to discharge.
- Ensure specimens are received in a timely manner to the OSDH PHL for testing.
- Infants who are transferred:
  - <u>Receiving</u> hospital to ensure the NBS is collected.
- Submit Satisfactory specimens:
  - Collected properly
  - All requested information is documented on the filter paper
  - Submitted timely

#### Refusal



- Religious Tenets and Practices only
- Check the box(es) on the filter paper form if parents refuse the NBS and/or the pulse oximetry screen.
  - Provide parents with a NBS blood spot and/or pulse oximetry brochure(s) & answer any questions they might have about the screen(s).



Ensure the parents fill out a Refusal Form. Keep a copy for baby's record & fax a copy to the NBS Program using fax # 405-271-4892.

## **Disorders: in Brief**

The newborn screen tests for harmful or potentially fatal disorders that are not otherwise apparent at birth.



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### **Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia (CAH)**

- Endocrine disorder of the adrenal glands resulting in a lack of the hormones cortisol and aldosterone. Cortisol protects the body during stress/illness & regulates blood glucose. This disorder is life-threatening & can lead to complications within days after birth.
- Monitor BMPs (for salt-wasting hyponatremia; hyperkalemia). Low levels of sodium can lead to adrenal insufficiency & s/s resembling dehydration.
- Observe for ambiguous genitalia (females), hypospadias (males), & hyperpigmentation (males).
  - If baby has ambiguous genitalia upon birth, collect a newborn screen *immediately* & contact the Newborn Screening Program at 405-271-6617.

#### Signs of adrenal insufficiency:

- Lethargy
- Vomiting
- Poor feeding
- Hypovolemia
- Rapid heart rate
- Failure to Thrive
- Shock

#### \*Exposure to steroids can mask signs & symptoms of CAH\*

**Treatment** for classic CAH requires hormonal supplementation.

### **Congenital Hypothyroidism (CH)**

- Endocrine disorder of the thyroid gland, in which the gland fails to develop or function properly, resulting in a lack of adequate thyroid hormone production.
- A transient rise of TSH may occur physiologically in premature newborns and/or during early specimen collection (< 24 hrs of age) for premature and term newborns.</p>

Signs of CH: signs may not become apparent for months, after brain damage has already occurred.

- Sluggishness
- Hypotonia
- Delayed reflexes
- Slow to feed
- Swollen tongue
- Hoarse cry
- Delayed growth
- Constipation

#### \*Untreated CH results in developmental delay & poor growth\*

**Treatment** requires thyroid hormone supplementation

### **Cystic Fibrosis (CF)**

- Mutations in the Cystic Fibrosis Conductance Regulator (CFTR) gene, which regulates chloride transport. Characterized by chronic pulmonary disease & gastrointestinal abnormalities.
  - Abnormal, thick mucus can obstruct airways and increase risk for recurrent pulmonary infections. May also affect the pancreas, liver, and reproductive organs.
- Check Family History of CF or Meconium Ileus on the filter paper if applicable. Mark CFTR under "Test Requested" if baby exhibits any other concerns for CF.
  - Doing this will result in an additional test to be performed to look for mutations for CF. Most infants with CF are born to parents who are unknowingly asymptomatic CF carriers and have NO known history of CF in the family.

#### Signs of CF:

- "Salty" sweat
- Meconium Ileus
- Persistent coughing/wheezing
- Thick mucus
- Loose pale, smelly stools
- Failure to thrive
- **Treatment** may include mucus-thinners, bronchodilators, anti-inflammatories, & antibiotics. A high-calorie diet, pancreatic enzymes, and vitamin supplements may also be indicated.

### Galactosemia (GAL)

- Deficient GALT enzyme, which is required to break down the sugar galactose, which is found in all foods that contain milk. As a result, galactose accumulates in the blood & is unable to be utilized for energy. Multi-organ dysfunction can result.
  - Blood transfusions can invalidate galactosemia results on the NBS. If transfused, ensure the transfusion date is recorded on the filter paper.
- Check Lactose-Free Formula (Soy) on the filter paper if applicable. Mark GALT under "Test Requested" if baby exhibits any concerns for galactosemia
  - Doing this will result in an additional test to be performed to look for activity of the GALT enzyme.

#### Signs of Galactosemia:

- Lethargy
- Poor feeding
- Vomiting
- Seizures
- Hypoglycemia
- Failure to thrive
- Liver damage/jaundice with high direct bilirubin

\*Death can occur within days of birth from gram negative sepsis\*

**Treatment** includes dietary management to avoid foods containing lactose and galactose.



### **Biotinidase (BIO) Deficiency**

- > Deficient activity of biotinidase enzyme, resulting in a deficiency of the biotin vitamin.
  - **Biotin**: required to break down fats, proteins, and carbohydrates.

#### Signs of Biotinidase Deficiency:

- Lethargy
- Hypotonia
- Vomiting/Diarrhea
- Dermatitis
- Alopecia
- Seizures
- Ketoacidosis
- Hearing loss
- Breathing problems: hyperventilation, stridor, or apnea
- Mild hyperammonemia
- Developmental delays
- **Treatment** includes biotin supplementation.

#### **Hemoglobinopathies (HGB)**

- A group of disorders that affect the number or shape of hemoglobin
  - Hemoglobin: protein in RBCs that delivers O2 to cells throughout the body

#### Signs of a hemoglobinopathy:

- Anemia related to premature RBC breakdown:
  - Jaundice
  - Fatigue
  - Shortness of breath
  - Cold hands/feet
  - Pale skin
- Repeated infections:
  - Splenic damage
  - Risk for sepsis
- Intermittent pain related to stiff, inflexible RBCs stuck in small vessels:
  - O2 deprivation to organs
  - Sickle cell crises
  - Treatment: may include pain medication, prophylactic antibiotics, and/or blood transfusions. To avoid sickle cell crises: avoid dehydration, temperature extremes, & high altitudes.

Sickle cells

Normal RBCs

#### Severe Combined Immunodeficiency (SCID)

- An immune disorder in which there is an impairment in both T & B lymphocytes
  - T lymphocytes fail to develop & B lymphocytes are either absent or compromised
- If left untreated, can lead to life-threatening infections
- Blood transfusions, heparin, & prematurity are factors that can affect SCID results
- Until SCID is ruled out, avoid sick contacts, pets, crowded areas (such as malls & daycares), and administering live vaccines. Mix infant formula with boiled or distilled water, not well water.

#### Signs of SCID:

- Frequent infections
- Infections that do not improve with antibiotic treatment
- Fungal infection (thrush) in the mouth or throat that does not go away
- Diarrhea
- Failure to thrive
- Treatment: may include immunoglobulin replacement therapy, prophylactic antibiotics, and/or bone marrow transplant.

### Amino Acidopathy (AA) Disorders

- Characterized by the body's inability to metabolize certain amino acids (protein building blocks) OR the inability to detoxify ammonia through the urea cycle.
- The buildup of amino acids and/or ammonia can lead to severe medical complications, including:
  - mental retardation
  - developmental delays
  - failure to thrive
  - death
- Symptoms may not be apparent for months (PKU) to *hours/days* following birth (MSUD, CIT)

### Amino Acidopathy (AA) Disorders

- Phenylketonuria (PKU)
- Citrullinemia (Cit)
- Maple Syrup Urine Disorder (MSUD)
- Homocystinuria (Hcy)
- Argininemia (Arg)
- Tyrosinemia (Tyr)

#### Phenylketonuria (PKU) - Amino Acidopathy

Reduced or absent activity of *phenylalanine hydroxylase (PAH)*, an enzyme responsible for converting the amino acid phenylalanine into tyrosine. The result is a toxic buildup of phenylalanine in the blood, which can lead to irreversible brain damage. Sources of phenylalanine include protein & some artificial sweeteners.

Signs of Classic PKU: signs may not become apparent for months, after brain damage has already occurred.



**Treatment** requires dietary monitoring for phenylalanine-free, low protein foods & formula.

#### Citrullinemia (CIT) - Amino Acidopathy

Urea Cycle Disorder – a life-threatening defect in the metabolism of waste nitrogen produced by the breakdown of protein, resulting in the toxic accumulation of ammonia during the first few hours or days of life.

Signs of Citrullinemia: Infants often appear normal initially but *rapidly* develop cerebral edema as well as s/s of hyperammonemia:

- Lethargy
- Poor feeding
- Hypothermia
- Seizures
- Coma
- Tachypnea
- Vomiting
- Signs of liver disease



#### \*Acute encephalopathy can occur within hours to days after birth\*

 Treatment requires dietary monitoring. Medications may be necessary to lower ammonia levels in the blood.

### Fatty Acid Oxidation (FAO) Disorders

- Characterized by an enzyme defect in the fatty acid metabolic pathway, in which fats cannot be properly broken down for use in the body.
  - Stores of glucose are utilized by the body when energy is needed; however, these glucose stores are relatively small in newborns & are quickly depleted, resulting in fatty acid oxidation being turned "on" for fat breakdown for energy. But with a fatty acid disorder, certain fats are unable to be broken down and toxic byproducts accumulate. As a result, frequent feedings of glucose are crucial and special monitoring is required during periods of illness and/or stress, states in which the body requires higher energy consumption.
- > Symptoms vary by disorder & are a result of the accumulation of toxic byproducts:
  - Metabolic crises:
    - Lethargy
    - Hypotonia
    - Seizures
    - Respiratory failure
    - Cardiac arrest
    - Developmental disabilities
- Frequent feedings (every 3-4 hours) & special care during times of illness and/or stress are crucial!

\*Poor maternal breast milk production in the first 1-2 weeks can cause enough caloric restriction to result in sudden death of the infant within hours.\*

#### **Fatty Acid Oxidation (FAO) Disorders**

- Medium-chain Acyl-CoA Dehydrogenase (MCAD) Deficiency
- Carnitine Uptake Defect (CUD)
- Very Long-chain Acyl-CoA Dehydrogenase (VLCAD) Deficiency
- Long-chain Acyl-CoA Dehydrogenase (LCHAD)
  Deficiency/Trifunctional Protein (TFP) Deficiency
- Short-chain Acyl-CoA Dehydrogenase (SCAD) Deficiency
- Carnitine Palmitoyl Transferase 1 (CPT-1) Deficiency
- Carnitine Acylcarnitine Translocatse (CACT) Deficiency/Carnitine Palmitoyl Transferase 2 (CPT-2) Deficiency

#### **MCAD Deficiency** – Fatty Acid Oxidation Disorder

- Reduced or absent activity of MCAD enzyme, in which medium-chain fats are unable to be broken down for energy. A life-threatening disorder, especially during periods of fasting when glucose stores have been depleted & also during periods of high-energy demand, such as stress & illness.
- Ensure baby feeds routinely (every 3-4 hours) & tolerates feeds



- Hypoglycemia with absent or 'trace' urinary ketones
- **Treatment** requires an avoidance of fasting & dietary monitoring for low-fat, high-carbohydrate foods.

#### **CUD** – Fatty Acid Oxidation Disorder

- Defect in the carnitine transporter, which moves carnitine across the cellular plasma membrane. A life-threatening disorder, especially during periods of fasting when glucose stores have been depleted & also during periods of high-energy demand, such as stress & illness.
- Ensure baby feeds routinely (every 3-4 hours) & tolerates feeds



Treatment requires an avoidance of fasting & dietary monitoring for low-fat, high-carbohydrate foods.
 L-carnitine supplementation may be indicated.

### **Organic Acid (OA) Disorders**

- Characterized by an enzyme defect in which certain proteins are unable to be broken down, resulting in an accumulation of organic acid intermediates that become toxic.
  - Stores of glucose are utilized by the body when energy is needed; however, these glucose stores are relatively small in newborns & are quickly depleted, resulting in protein breakdown for energy. But with an organic acid disorder, certain proteins are unable to be broken down and toxic byproducts accumulate. As a result, frequent feedings of glucose are crucial and special monitoring is required during periods of illness and/or stress, states in which the body requires higher energy consumption.
- Symptoms vary by disorder & are a result of the accumulation of toxic byproducts:
  - Metabolic crises:
    - Lethargy
    - Hypotonia
    - Ketoacidosis
    - Seizures
    - Respiratory failure
    - Cardiac arrest
    - Developmental disabilities
    - Coma
    - Death
- Frequent feedings (every 3-4 hours) & special care during times of illness and/or stress are crucial!

\*Death can occur within hours to days.\*

### **Organic Acid (OA) Disorders**

- Glutaryl-CoA Dehydrogenase (GA-1) Deficiency
- Propionic Acidemia (PROP)/Methylmalonic Acidemia (MMA)
- HMG/3MCC/3MBG/MCD/2M3HBA/BKT
- Malonic Acidemia (MAL)
- Isovaleric Acidemia (IVA)/2-Methylbutyrylglycinuria (2MBG)
- IsobutyryI-CoA Dehydrogenase (IBG) Deficiency

#### **GA-1** – Organic Acid Disorder

- Reduced or absent activity of glutaryl-CoA dehydrogenase enzyme, in which the amino acids lysine & tryptophan are unable to be broken down. A life-threatening disorder, especially during periods of fasting when glucose stores have been depleted & also during periods of high-energy demand, such as stress & illness.
- Ensure baby feeds routinely (every 3-4 hours) & tolerates feeds.



Treatment requires an avoidance of fasting & dietary monitoring for low-protein (lysine & tryptophan) foods & formula. L-carnitine supplementation may be indicated.

## **Transit Time**

Prompt delivery of specimens to the Public Health Laboratory for testing can make all the difference.



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#### **Transit Time: What is it?**

The time between the collection of a newborn screening specimen to its receipt at the OSDH Public Health Laboratory for testing."

#### **Transit Time**

#### > Guidelines:

- Specimens should be received at the OSDH Lab within 48 hours from the time of collection.
- Oklahoma Law: OS 63 Sections 1-533 and 1-534



### **Transit Time: Tips for Improvement**

- Ensure everyone involved in NBS collection/handling knows about courier pick-up time, location, and importance.
- Do not batch specimens.
- Ensure the NBS is collected at 24 hr + 1 min of age & goes out with the courier as soon as possible after it has dried (~3-4 hours of drying time).
- Set timelines and goals specific for your facility.
- Maintain a courier/transport log.
- Review transit time reports.
- Contact the PHL if the courier does not present to pick up the NBS specimens.

#### **Transit Time Reports – Web Access**

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Transit Time reports will be emailed to representatives at each facility.

#### **Transit Time Report Example**

2016 2nd Quarter: % Compliance Ranking for Hospitals with 5-Day Courier Service



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#### **Transit Time Report Example**

2016 2nd Quarter: % Compliance Ranking for Hospitals with 7-Day Courier Service



Compliant (Within 48 Hours) Non-Compliant

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## Newborn Hearing Screening

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### **Newborn Hearing Screening**

#### Purpose:

 to screen all newborns prior to discharge using physiologic measure and risk factor checklist to identify babies who are more likely to have a hearing loss



Rationale Waiting until a child is developmentally ready for behavioral testing diminishes language acquisition outcomes of children with a hearing loss



#### Implications

- > Hearing loss is one of the **most common** birth defects
- In the United States, approximately 12,000 babies a year are born with hearing loss
   Approximately 180 babies per year in Oklahoma
- An Additional 4,000-6000 who pass newborn hearing screening will acquire late onset hearing loss before age 3.

#### Why Universal Newborn Hearing Screening?



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the earlier the better!

Children who are identified early and are receiving appropriate intervention of the family's choosing by 6-months of age have same or similar outcomes as children with normal hearing.

It's all about communication:

The ear is the conveyor belt to the brain!

The Ear

### **Hearing Risk Factors**

- Blood relatives of the infant have a permanent hearing loss that began at birth or in early childhood.
- Infant was placed in a Level II or III nursery for more than 24 hours.
- Infant received an exchange transfusion.
- ▶ Infant had serum bilirubin level  $\ge$  15 mg/dL.
- Infant is suspected of having a congenital infection (neonatal herpes, cmv, rubella, syphilis, toxoplasmosis).
- Infant has craniofacial anomalies (such as pinna/ear canal abnormality, cleft lip/palate, hydrocephalus).

	Hearing Screening Results: Right Ear Pass Refer	L <u>eft Ear</u> Pass Refer	Screen Method ABR D Other (Specify)
	If not screened, reason:	No equipment	Delayed
	Caregiver refused	Baby discharged	Other
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	Infant had exchange transfusion.		
	Infant has serum bilirubin level ≥ 15 mg/dL.		
	Infant was placed in a Level II or III nursery for more than 24 hours.		

## **Conducting the Screen**



Preparation of the baby and how to troubleshoot common problems

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# Performing the Screen: Points to Remember

- At least 5-6 hours after delivery
- Not immediately following a bath
  - Baby needs to be completely dry with no lotion applied to skin
- Quiet environment, away from other machines
- Quiet, still baby; swaddled if possible
- 2 screens before discharge (if needed):
  - Not immediately following each other
  - No more than 3 screens (only used if baby is fussy during screen and has to start again)
- Additional information can be found in the Natus user manual
### **Preparing to Screen**

- Clean and prepare the skin (NuPrep, Alcohol)
- Do not use gel; may use small dab of water
- Proper Electrode placement:
  - Nape/neck = WHITE collar
  - High forehead (vertex) = **BLACK** top hat
  - Shoulder/cheek (common) = GREEN common
- Connect leads with the snap/alligator clips
- Place earphone over each ear
  - (Right on **Red**, "Left over" on **Blue**)



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### **Potential Problems During Screening**

- High impedances
  - Skin preparation
  - Equipment check
- Myogenic (Muscle) Noise
  - Feed baby
  - Swaddled
  - Neck rolls
  - Pacifier

### Troubleshooting

### Electrical Noise

- Electrical outlets
- Change room location
- Check placement of cords
- Note: Monitors/cell phone can cause interference
- If the AABR is taking more than 12-15 minutes to complete, stop screening and troubleshoot.

### Also check the following:

- Check for sound coming through earphones.
- Check placement of earphones and make sure they fit snugly.
- Check electrode placement and ensure they are connected.
- Check to make sure cables are working properly by running an equipment check (using the clear box/docking station) – if not, get new cables as soon as possible.

### **Natus Information**

- Natus video and manual accompanying screening unit
- Technical Support

Natus Technical Support (650) 802-0400 (888) 496-2887 (Toll free) technical\_service@natus.com Hours: 24/7

# **Reporting Results**

How to send correct information in compliance with Oklahoma law

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#### HEARING SCREENING INSTRUCTIONS

#### Hearing screening is to be completed with results recorded and forwarded to the Oklahoma State Department of Health at the same time as the blood specimen. Follow the instructions below:

- Screen the infant's hearing using the available technology.
- 2 Record results in the Hearing Screening Results area on the front page of the form. Place a check mark in the appropriate Pass or Refer box for the right ear and the left ear.
- 3 Indicate the method used to screen hearing (ABR, OAE, Other). If "Other" is checked, specify the technology used.
- 4 If hearing cannot be screened, check the appropriate box for the reason; if screening will be delayed, follow instructions below.
- 5 Complete the Hearing risk status indicator section by placing a check mark in the box of any item that applies to this infant. The first question about familial hearing loss is to be asked of the birth mother. Information for the other indicators should be available in the infant's chart.
- 6 Detach and give the Newborn Hearing Screening parent form (pink sheet) to the infant's parent or guardian at discharge.

#### DO NOT DELAY SENDING THE BLOOD SPECIMEN. ALL BLOOD SPECIMENS MUST BE SENT WITHIN 24 HOURS OF COLLECTION.

For infants whose hearing so	reening cannot be comple	eted by the time the	blood specimen mus	st be sent (including those
transferred within the facility) a	nd it is anticipated hearin	g will be screened p	prior to discharge, do	the following:

- 1 On the original form in the If not screened, reason: area, mark the "Delayed" box.
- 2 Complete the Hearing risk status section. For infants placed in "special care" nursery, be sure to mark the Infant was placed in a Level II or III nursery for more than 24 hours box. Be certain there are no marks in the Screen Method box.
- 3 Detach and retain the parent's copy of the hearing screening form (pink sheet). It will be used to record hearing screening results.
- 4 Be sure that the infant's last and first names are legible on the detached document.
- 5 Mail blood specimen.
- 6 Perform the hearing screening prior to discharge.
- 7 Record the results as indicated above in the appropriate boxes on the pink parent copy.
- 8 Mark any appropriate boxes in the Hearing risk status area if this has not already been completed.
- 9 Photocopy the front of the completed form (pink sheet). Be certain that infant's name and the form's serial number are legible on photocopy.
- 10 Mail the photocopy to OSDH, Public Health Laboratory Service, PO Box 24106, Oklahoma City, OK 73124-0106.
- 11 Give the completed pink sheet to the infant's parent or guardian.

### **Hearing Results Section**

Baby's Last Name	Baby's First Name	Oklahoma State Department of Health Newborn Hearing Screening	OKLAHOMA NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING PROGRAM
THE NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING TEST Newborn hearing screening checks to see if your to problems need to be identified as early as possible.	aby's hearing is okay. Good hearing is im If your baby has a hearing loss, steps can l	portant for speech/language development. Hearing be taken to help your baby develop communication.	
CAN YOUR NEWBORN HEAR? Your baby's nurse or doctor can tell you the hearin Hearing Screening Results. Look for check marks If your baby gets a "Refer" for one or both ears, mo An audiologist is a hearing specialist. If for some re ask about a location close to you where hearing c	g screening results. The screening result in the "Pass" boxes. If there is a mark in re testing is needed. Your baby's doctor ma ason your baby's hearing was not screene in be checked.	s also are shown in the box below where it says each "Pass" box, your baby's hearing was okay. ay refer you to an audiologist for additional testing. d, please call 1-800-766-2223 or 405-271-6617 to	ATTENTION NEW BOR
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Instruct parents to ask for screen results on first visit to PCP. Tell parents to bring the **Blue** or **Pink** slip to their baby's first doctor's visit.

### **Filter Paper: Marking Practice**

Hearing Screening Results:					
	Right Ear	Left Ear	Screen Meth		
	<ul><li>□ Pass</li><li>□ Refer</li></ul>	□ Pass □ Refer		Other (Specify)	
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#### Hearing risk status – Check all that apply:

- Blood relatives of the infant have a permanent hearing loss that began at birth or in early childhood.
- □ Infant is suspected of having a congenital infection (neonatal herpes, cmv, rubella, syphilis, toxoplasmosis).
- □ Infant has craniofacial anomalies (pinna/ear canal abnormality, cleft lip/palate, hydrocephalus).
- □ Infant had exchange transfusion.
- □ Infant has serum bilirubin level  $\geq$  15 mg/dL.
- □ Infant was placed in a Level II or III nursery for more than 24 hours.

#### Example 1: Pass Bilaterally, No Risk

#### Hearing Screening Results:

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If not screened, reason:

 $\Box$  Technical problem  $\Box$  No equipment  $\Box$  Delayed □ Caregiver refused □ Baby discharged □ Other\_\_\_\_\_

#### Hearing risk status - Check all that apply:

- □ Blood relatives of the infant have a permanent hearing loss that began at birth or in early childhood.
- □ Infant is suspected of having a congenital infection (neonatal herpes, cmv, rubella, syphilis, toxoplasmosis).
- cleft lip/palate, hydrocephalus).
   Infant had exchange transfusion.
   Infant has serum bilirubin level ≥ 15 mg/dL.
   Infant was placed in a Level II or III nursery for more than 24 hours.

#### Example 3: Not Screened, NICU

#### Hearing Screening Results:

<u>Right Ear</u>	<u>Left Ear</u>	<u>Screen Method</u>
Pass	Pass	ABR Other (Specify)
🗆 Refer	🗆 Refer	

If not screened, reason:

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□ Technical problem □ No equipment **No Delayed** □ Caregiver refused □ Baby discharged □ Other\_\_\_\_\_

#### Hearing risk status - Check all that apply:

- Blood relatives of the infant have a permanent hearing loss that began at birth or in early childhood.
- Infant is suspected of having a congenital infection (neonatal herpes, cmv, rubella, syphilis, toxoplasmosis).
- □ Infant has craniofacial anomalies (pinna/ear canal abnormality, cleft lip/palate, hydrocephalus).
- Infant had exchange transfusion.
- Infant has serum bilirubin level  $\ge 15 \text{ mg/dL}$ . Infant was placed in a Level II or III nursery for more than 24 hours.

#### Example 2: Pass/Refer; No Risk

#### Hearing Screening Results:

Right Ear	
Pass	
🗆 Refer	



If not screened, reason:

□ Technical problem □ No equipment □ Delayed □ Caregiver refused □ Baby discharged □ Other\_\_\_\_\_

#### Hearing risk status - Check all that apply:

- □ Blood relatives of the infant have a permanent hearing loss that began at birth or in early childhood.
- Infant is suspected of having a congenital infection (neonatal herpes, cmv, rubella, syphilis, toxoplasmosis).
   Infant has craniofacial anomalies (pinna/ear canal abnormality,
- cleft lip/palate, hydrocephalus).

- □ Infant had exchange transfusion.
   □ Infant has serum bilirubin level ≥ 15 mg/dL.
   □ Infant was placed in a Level II or III nursery for more than 24 hours.

#### Example 4: **Equipment Malfunction**, Risk

#### Hearing Screening Results:

<u>Right Ear</u>	<u>Left Ear</u>	<u>Screen Method</u>
□ Pass	□ Pass	□ ABR □ Other (Specify)
□ Refer	□ Refer	□ OAE

If not screened, reason:

Technical problem □ No equipment □ Delayed
 Caregiver refused □ Baby discharged □ Other\_\_\_\_\_\_

- **Hearing risk status Check all that apply:** Blood relatives of the infant have a permanent hearing loss that began at birth or in early childhood.
- Infant is suspected of having a congenital infection (neonatal herpes, cmv, rubella, syphilis, toxoplasmosis).
- □ Infant has craniofacial anomalies (pinna/ear canal abnormality, cleft lip/palate, hydrocephalus).
- □ Infant had exchange transfusion. □ Infant has serum bilirubin level  $\ge 15 \text{ mg/dL}$ .
- □ Infant was placed in a Level II or III nursery for more than 24 hours.

#### Example 5: **Bilateral Refer, Multiple Risk Factors**



#### Example 6: **One Ear Screened**

#### Hearing Screening Results:

<u>Right Ear</u>	
🗆 Pass	
🗆 Refer	



If not screened, reason:

□ Technical problem □ No equipment □ Delayed □ Caregiver refused □ Baby discharged Other\_awake\_\_

#### Hearing risk status - Check all that apply:

- □ Blood relatives of the infant have a permanent hearing loss that began at birth or in early childhood.
- Infant is suspected of having a congenital infection (neonatal herpes, cmv, rubella, syphilis, toxoplasmosis).
   Infant has craniofacial anomalies (pinna/ear canal abnormality,
- cleft lip/palate, hydrocephalus).

- □ Infant had exchange transfusion.
   □ Infant has serum bilirubin level ≥ 15 mg/dL.
   □ Infant was placed in a Level II or III nursery for more than 24 hours.

### **Making Corrections**

- Use single line through incorrect mark
- Print "error"

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Initial the change



### Filter Paper Already Submitted?

### Never delay submitting the filter paper

- Send the specimen promptly to the OSDH Public Health Laboratory via the courier system (i.e., within 24 hours of collection) for testing.
- Some babies can pass away within the first seven days of life if not treated for some of the rare disorders we identify.
- See instructions on insert of the filter paper (page where the circles are located).

### How to Report Hearing Results after the Filter Paper has been Submitted

#### Never delay the bloodspot filter paper

- Call the Newborn Hearing Screening Program with updated results: 405-271-9444 ext. 56741
- Email updated results to our office: <u>NewbornScreen@health.ok.gov</u>
- Fax copy of updated results on copy of filter paper to our office: 405-271-4892
- Fax a copy of the updated results label to our office: 405-271-4892

## **Giving Results to Parents**



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### **Relaying Results to Parents**

Baby's Last Name	Baby's First Name Oklahoma State Department of Health Newborn Hearing Screening	OKLAHOMA NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING PROGRAM
THE NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING TEST Newborn hearing screening checks to see if your problems need to be identified as early as possible.	- baby's hearing is okay. Good hearing is important for speech/language development. Hearing If your baby has a hearing loss, steps can be taken to help your baby develop communication.	
CAN YOUR NEWBORN HEAR? Your baby's nurse or doctor can tell you the hearin Hearing Screening Results. Look for check marks If your baby gets a "Refer" for one or both ears, mo An audiologist is a hearing specialist. If for some re ask about a location close to you where hearing c	ng screening results. The screening results also are shown in the box below where it says in the "Pass" boxes. If there is a mark in each "Pass" box, your baby's hearing was okay. re testing is needed. Your baby's doctor may refer you to an audiologist for additional testing. ason your baby's hearing was not screened, please call 1-800-766-2223 or 405-271-6617 to an be checked.	ATTENTION NEW BOR
IF YOUR BABY PASSES THE SCREENING, W Perhaps. There are some conditions that cause has conditions at birth. If there is a check mark in any c six months of age.	ILL HEARING NEED TO BE TESTED AGAIN? earing loss later in life. One is a family history of deafness. Others include various illnesses or if the boxes under "Hearing risk status" it is recommended that hearing be checked again by	DETACH AND GIVE TO PARENT OR GUARDIAN
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Instruct parents to ask for screen results on first visit to PCP. Tell parents to bring the **Blue** or **Pink** slip to their baby's first doctor's visit.

### Sharing Information: Special Considerations

- Try to be mindful of how much the parents are understanding and of their possible emotional reaction.
- Emphasize how important it is that the parents schedule a follow-up appointment for their baby, if needed.
- Ensure the family knows what to do next.

### **Result: Pass**

### PASS RESULT (95% of your babies)

- Your baby passed the hearing screening today.
- Your baby's hearing is critical for normal speech and language development.
- It is important that you speak to your baby's doctor who can help you in knowing if your baby should have further tests with a pediatric audiologist.
- Your PCP can also help you to monitor for normal speech and language development.
- At any time if you are concerned with your child's hearing or speech, ask your PCP -"When in doubt, check it out."

#### Do NOT say:

Your baby passed with flying colors.

Always remember to report any hearing screening results to the Newborn Hearing Screening Program (NHSP).

### **Result: Refer**

### <u>REFER RESULT</u>

- Your baby did not pass the hearing screening today.
- That means that your baby needs to have some more testing done so we can make sure they are hearing well enough for on-time speech and language development.
  - Refer to a county health department, audiology program, AND/OR refer to their baby's primary care provider.
- This does not mean that your baby cannot hear.

#### Do NOT say:

- Your baby did not pass the hearing screening today but it's probably because they've got fluid in their ears.
- Your baby did not pass the hearing screening on the (left/right) ear today, but all the babies have been referring on that ear so it's probably just the machine.

### Always remember to report any hearing screening results to the Newborn Hearing Screening Program (NHSP).

### **Result: Pass at Risk**

### PASS AT RISK RESULT

- Your baby passed the hearing screening today, but because of risk factor(s), national recommendations are that your baby's hearing be checked again at 6 months of age.
  - Delayed onset hearing loss can occur after birth and are associated with risk factors. Explain which risk factors are present.
- Your baby's hearing is critical for normal speech and language development.
- When your baby is 5 months of age, you and the PCP on record will get a letter reminding you to get your baby's hearing screened again. You can choose if you would like to go to your local county health department or to a private practice provider.
- Your PCP can also help you to monitor for normal speech and language development.
- At any time if you are concerned with your child's hearing or speech, ask your PCP -- "When in doubt, check it out."

Always remember to report any hearing screening results to the Newborn Hearing Screening Program (NHSP).

# Pulse Oximetry Screening

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### **Pulse Oximetry Screening**

#### Purpose:

 to screen all newborns between 24-48 hours of life with pulse oximetry to detect select defects related to critical congenital heart disease.

#### Rationale

 Some newborns may appear healthy at first *despite* having a CCHD. Early detection and prompt treatment can prevent lifelong disability and early death.

### Implications

- Congenital heart disease is the most common birth defect
- 1 in 110 infants will have a heart defect
   25% of those cases will have a CCHD
- Most affected are asymptomatic early on
- Most will require surgery shortly after birth

### **Normal Heart: Blood Flow**



RA. Right Atrium RV. Right Ventricle LA. Left Atrium LV. Left Ventricle SVC. Superior Vena Cava IVC. Inferior Vena Cava MPA. Main Pulmonary Artery Ao. Aorta

TV. Tricuspid Valve MV. Mitral Valve PV. Pulmonary Valve AoV. Aortic Valve

Image credit: CDC (2014)

Blood from body tissues goes to the right side of the heart and enters the lungs, where the blood becomes oxygenated. The blood is then delivered to the left side of the heart, which is responsible for pumping the oxygenated blood out to the body in order to provide oxygenation to the body tissues. After being utilized, the deoxygenated blood is returned to the right side of the heart, and the cycle continues. Valves within the heart help to prevent backflow of blood during this process.

Fetal openings between the atria, ventricles, and blood vessels begin to close shortly after birth.

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### **Fetal-Neonatal Circulation**

- The first breath of life leads to important changes in neonatal circulation:
  - Makes way for use of neonatal lungs (The lungs were not utilized in utero, as the placenta provided oxygenation to the fetus; after birth, however, an enormous amount of pressure is necessary in order for the newborn to close the diversions used to bypass the lungs in utero and instead allow for use of the lungs.)
  - Increased pressure change in the left side of heart compared to the right (The left side becomes the body's "pump") resulting in:
    - Closure of the Ductus Arteriosus (fetal opening between aorta and pulmonary artery)
    - Closure of the Foramen Ovale (fetal opening between the right and left atria)

 Failure of closure of fetal openings can result in complications

# CCHD: Screening Targets & Symptomatology

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### **CCHD** Targets

Most likely detected by pulse oximetry screening

- Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome (HLHS)
- Pulmonary Atresia
- Tetralogy of Fallot
- Total Anomalous Pulmonary Venous Return
- Transposition of the Great Arteries
- Tricuspid Atresia
- Truncus Arteriosus
- > These heart defects lead to low levels of oxygen in the blood.

### **CCHD** Targets

Potentially detected by pulse oximetry screening

- Double Outlet Right Ventricle (DORV)
- Ebstein's Anomaly
- Coarctation of the Aortic Arch
- Interruption of the Aortic Arch
- Single Ventricle
- Also potentially detected by pulse oximetry screening: other hypoxic cardiac or non-cardiac conditions.

### **CCHD: What to Watch For**

### Signs:

- Cyanosis
- Tachypnea
- Increased work of breathing
- Swelling
- Tires easily during feeds
- Sweating
- Poor weight gain

➢ If at any time, the newborn should become symptomatic, the family should immediately take the baby to the closest emergency room for evaluation.

# CCHD: Heart Defects Review

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#### Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome (HLHS):

Underdevelopment of the left side of the heart

- Underdeveloped aorta
- Underdeveloped left ventricle
- Large Patent Ductus Arteriosus (PDA) supplying the blood flow to the body
- Atrial Septal Defect (ASD) allowing blood return from lungs to the single ventricle
- The left ventricle is the heart's "powerhouse" that pumps the blood from the heart to the entire body. Imagine how difficult it would be to keep the body's tissues oxygenated when the body's powerhouse is underdeveloped!



#### Pulmonary Atresia:

Defect of the pulmonary valve in which the valve failed to form and no blood can pass through to get from the heart to the lungs
 Presence of a patent ductus arteriosus (PDA) allows for shunting of blood



Image credit: CDC (2014)

#### Tetralogy of Fallot:

Combination of four heart defects

- Pulmonary stenosis
- Right ventricular hypertrophy
- Overriding aorta (the aorta arises from both ventricles as opposed to solely the left ventricle )

Ventricular septal defect (VSD), resulting in right-to-left shunting of blood



Image credit: CDC (2014)

#### Total Anomalous Pulmonary Venous Return:

Defect in which the pulmonary veins, which carry oxygenated blood from the lungs back to the heart, do not connect to the heart's left atrium like normal but instead go to the heart via abnormal routes



Image credit: CDC (2014)

#### Transposition of the Great Arteries/Vessels:

Defect in which the aorta and the pulmonary artery are switched ("transposed"), resulting in deoxygenated blood being pumped to the body and bypassing the lungs while oxygenated blood travels from the lungs to the heart and back to the lungs



#### Tricuspid Atresia:

Defect of the tricuspid valve in which the valve failed to form and no blood can pass through

- Presence of an atrial septal defect (ASD)
   or a ventricular septal defect (VSD)
- Presence of a patent ductus arteriosus (PDA)



#### Truncus Arteriosus:

Defect in which the aorta and pulmonary artery failed to separate during development, resulting in the mixture of oxygenated and deoxygenated blood

Single common truncal valve instead of separate aortic valve and pulmonary valve

Presence of a ventricular septal defect (VSD)



# Pulse Oximetry: the Screen & the Oximeter

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## **Pulse Oximetry: Context**

#### Who is screened?

- All newborns:
  - Must be calm & well; not crying
  - · Warm extremities (temperature affects readings)
  - Skin clean & dry (dried blood affects readings)
  - Using room air; not on supplemental oxygen

#### When is screening performed?

- > Healthy Newborn: Between 24-48 hours of life
- Sick Newborn: Between 24-48 hours of life
  - May delay if on supplemental oxygen
- Before 24 hours: higher risk for false positives (fetal-neonatal circulation transition not fully established)
- After 48 hours: delayed identification & treatment of affected newborns

## **The Pulse Oximeter**

What is it?

- Screening tool: measures the percent of oxygen saturation of hemoglobin in the blood; and pulse rate
  - Simple
  - Painless
  - Non-invasive
  - Quick

## **The Pulse Oximeter**

#### Oximeter Probe: 2 main parts

- light emitter
- Photodetector

#### Where is the probe placed?

- Right hand: preductal measurement
- Either foot: postductal measurement

## **Points to Consider**

- Pulse oximeter must be FDA approved (AAP, 2015)
- Regular calibration of the oximeter is required
- Pulse oximetry readings are averages
- Skin color and jaundice **do not** affect pulse oximetry readings
- Continuous pulse oximetry monitoring does not replace the pulse oximetry screen.

# Screening How-To, Protocol, & Guidelines

## **How is the Screen Performed?**

**1. Select site**: right hand; either foot

**2**. Place photodetector on outer aspect of hand/foot (under 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> finger/toe)

3. Wrap sensor tape around extremity

4. Ensure light emitter is directly opposite the photodetector

5. If using a reusable sensor, secure the sensor using wrap recommended by vendor;
do not tape or use hand to secure sensor to site





Photo credit: Masimo 2011

## **Guidance for Screeners**

#### Pulse Ox Dos

- If disposable, use a new, clean sensor;
   if reusable, clean between use
- Clean according to manufacturer recommendations
- Ensure newborn is calm and warm, not crying; encourage family involvement
- Ensure newborn skin is clean and dry
- Ensure no gaps between sensor and newborn's skin
- Light emitter and photodetector should be directly opposite of one another
- Use alongside physical examination
- Ensure pulse: no pulse, no oximetry!

### Pulse Ox Don'ts

- Do not use an adult probe
- Do not tape pulse oximeter in place (use disposable wrap as indicated)
- Do not use your own hand to hold sensor in place
- Do not obtain reading from same extremity with blood pressure cuff
- Bilirubin lamps & surgical lights can affect accuracy of reading; cover pulse oximetry sensor with a blanket if such instruments are in use
- Do not use in isolation

## **Pulse Oximetry Screening Protocol**



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# Interpretation of Results & Follow-Up

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## **Screening Results**

#### Negative Screen (Pass):

- Oxygen saturation <u>> 95% in Right Hand and/or Left or Right Foot</u>
   AND
- Difference between the Right Hand and Left/Right Foot  $\leq$  3%

#### Positive Screen (Refer/Fail):

- Oxygen saturation < 90% in Right Hand or Left/Right Foot during any screen
- Oxygen saturation 90 94% for all 3 screens (1 hour between each screen)
- Difference between the Right Hand and Left/Right Foot > 3% for all 3 screens (1 hour between each screen)
- If at any time, the newborn should become symptomatic, the family should immediately take the baby to the closest emergency room for evaluation.

## **Interpretation of Results**

### **Negative = Pass**

- Results are in-range
- Blood oxygen level WNL
- CCHD still possible (if symptomatic, a cardiac evaluation is warranted)
- Monitor baby's status:
- Heart rate too fast/slow?
- ✓ Energy overly sleepy/fussy/lethargic?
- Appearance pale/blue skin?
- Respiration too fast/slow?
- Temperature cold to touch?
- ✓ Feeding difficulties?

### **Positive = Fail/Refer**

- Results are out-of-range
- Blood oxygen level is low
- High risk; not diagnostic
- Confirmatory procedures & referral for treatment are warranted



#### Pulse Oximetry Screening for Critical Congenital Heart Defects (CCHDs) in Newborns without Cardiovascular or Respiratory Distress

Interpretation of Pulse Oximetry Results

Oxygen Saturation (%)					6 a							
M Right Hand (RH)					~~/	Eith	er Foot (F	)				
100	100	99	98	97	96	95	94	93	92	91	90	89 or lower
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98	100	99	98	97	96	95	94	93	92	91	90	89 or lower
97	100	99	98	97	96	95	94	93	92	91	90	89 or lower
96	100	99	98	97	96	95	94	93	92	91	90	89 or lower
95	100	99	98	97	96	95	94	93	92	91	90	89 or lower
94	100	99	98	97	96	95	94	93	92	91	90	89 or lower
93	100	99	98	97	96	95	94	93	92	91	90	89 or lower
92	100	99	98	97	96	95	94	93	92	91	90	89 or lower
91	100	99	98	97	96	95	94	93	92	91	90	89 or lower
90	100	99	98	97	96	95	94	93	92	91	90	89 or lower
89 or lower	100	99	98	97	96	95	94	93	92	91	90	89 or lower
Pass/Negative	95 % or ]	higher in r	ight hand	(RH) <u>or</u> e	either foot	(F) AND	difference	e of 3% oi	r less betv	veen RH a	and F.	
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## **Follow-up**

#### > Newborn Referral Indicated: What to do next?

- Contact the infant's provider immediately.
- Document results on the Newborn Screening Filter Paper or on the Pulse Oximetry Screening Report Form
- Proceed with follow-up according to protocol
  - ECHO indicated

## **Reporting Results for CCHD**

#### Filter Paper

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Mom's Last Name,       First Name         3.
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Not Performed Pass Fail Echo Refused
Return to Submitter at this address:
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#### Pulse Oximetry Result Form

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Oklahoma State Department of Health Pulse Oximetry Screening Result Form							
Infant Information:							
Infant's Last Name:	Infant's First Nan	ne:					
Medical Record Number:	Attending Physici	an:					
Date of Birth://	Birth Hospital:						
Mother's Last Name:	Mother's First Na	ime:					
Pulse Oximetry Screening:							
Date of Screening://							
Age at Time of Screening:Days o	r <u>Hours</u>						
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Complete this section only if pulse oximetry :	creen was not performe	<u>ed:</u>					
Reason pulse oximetry screen not perform:							
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Parent Refusal							
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Form to be utilized if pulse oximetry screening re paper. Original to infant's record, provide a copy	sults were not documented	on new	born sere s or mail	eening filter			

Form to be utilized if pulse oximetry screening results were not documented on newbom screening filer paper. Original to inflar's record, povide a copy to paret, and forward copy by fax or mail to: Oklahoma State Department of Health, Newborn Screening Program Coordinator, 1000 NE Teeth Street, Oklahoma City, OK 3117-1299, (405) 271-6617 or 1-800-766-2232; Fax (405) 271-4822.

## **Newborn Screening Contacts**

#### Bloodspot, Pulse Oximetry, & Hearing Screening

Screening & Special Services 1000 NE 10<sup>th</sup> Street Oklahoma City, OK 73117-1299 Phone: 1-405-271-6617 Toll Free: 1-800-766-2223 Fax: 1-405-271-4892

#### Public Health Laboratory

Newborn Screening Section Public Health Laboratory Service 1000 NE 10<sup>th</sup> Street Oklahoma City, OK 73117-1299

Phone: 1-405-271-5070 Toll Free: 1-800-766-2223 Fax: 1-405-271-4850