

WISCONSIN NEWBORN SCREENING PROGRAM



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Hello Newborn Screening Coordinators!

The Newborn Screening Advisory Education Subcommittee believes it is essential to keep hospital staff (nurses, laboratorians, and clinicians) informed of important issues related to newborn blood and hearing screening, and provide a means to give and receive direct feedback. Each newsletter addresses important topics and we ask that you read them thoroughly and forward the email to all appropriate staff in your hospital.

Newborn Screening Blood Collection Forms

We have begun sending the updated Newborn Screening Blood Collection Forms. Please note there are two new fields:

- (1) Send Report to:** This field is next to the field of **Hospital/City of Birth**. Reports are automatically sent to the submitter and the physician listed as the Authorizing Provider. You may use the “send report to” field to request that an additional report be sent to a physician or agency. Please include the name and complete address. Alternatively, you may record the agency number in this field. We will not be able to provide the report without a complete address or valid agency number.
- (2) Pulse Ox Screen Date:** This yellow shaded field is to record Information on pulse oximetry screening for critical congenital heart disease (CCHD), including pulse oximetry screened date, time, and results (Pass, Fail or Not Screened).

If you have questions regarding the Newborn Screening Blood Collection Forms, please contact the Wisconsin Newborn Screening Laboratory at (608) 890-1796.

Newborn screening for CCHD is a statewide effort coordinated by the Wisconsin SHINE Project (Screening Hearts In NEwborns). All hospitals, birth centers, and home birth providers are invited to participate. The data collected will be used to determine the effectiveness of pulse oximetry screening for CCHD and to provide quality assurance information. SHINE personnel are available to assist with education, implementation, and clinical support.

The SHINE Project is a collaborative effort between the University of Wisconsin, the Medical College of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, and the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene. SHINE is funded by one of the six demonstration grants from the Health Resources and Services Administration (a branch of the US Department of Health Services).

If you have any questions about the SHINE project or would like to enroll your center, please contact the SHINE personnel on call at (608) 262-2122. Additional information regarding CCHD, pulse oximetry screening, and the SHINE project is available at www.wisconsinshine.org.

Mandated Field for the Newborn Screening Blood Card Number - Linking with the Birth Certificate:

Congratulations to all of the hospitals who have been successful in submitting Valid Blood Card ID numbers on greater than 90% of the birth certificates for 2013. The Newborn Screening Program will be reaching out to the 10% of hospitals who have not been successful in reaching this benchmark. The goal is a valid blood card ID on every birth certificate submitted. In addition to providing outreach, the State Vital Records Office now requires the Blood Card ID to be accurately documented in order for a birth certificate to be submitted. Please work with your hospital birth certificate data entry staff to assure easy access to the child's Blood Card number (first screening specimen submitted). ***If a family refuses a blood screen, please fill in the Card Number field on their birth certificate with X999999. If the infant was not tested or if the blood card number is unknown, please fill in the Blood Card Number field on the birth certificate with Z999999.*** If you have any questions about correctly entering Card Numbers on birth certificates, please call Elizabeth Seeliger at (608) 267-9191. Thank you for ensuring that every baby born in WI has a blood and hearing screening result.

Reminders:

Instructions for collecting the blood sample for Newborn Screening are on the back of every blood card. Always send completed blood screening cards to the Newborn Screening Laboratory at the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene **within 24 hours after the blood draw.** **Do NOT wait** to accumulate several cards in your hospital before shipping. Even if it's just one card, please send it **immediately.** That few hours' difference could very well save a child's life. For more information on collecting the blood sample, go to www.slh.wisc.edu/newborn/guide then click on "How to Collect a Blood Sample".

Orders for NBS Brochures are now placed online. ***"These Tests Could Save Your Baby's Life,"*** publication number P-40125 (English version) or P-401255 (Spanish version), can be ordered online by following these easy steps:

Go to: www.dhs.wisconsin.gov, click on "Topics A-Z", then on "N", then on "Newborn Screening Program", then at the bottom of the page click on "Blood Screening Program".


Read the brief instructions provided and click on [Publication Request Form](#) to place your order details.


You will need to include: if you want any brochures in Spanish, your shipping address, and how many brochures you want to order (typically this is based on the number of annual births in your hospital, for larger birthing facilities your order can be placed to cover a 6 month supply). You should receive your brochures within 10 business days.



We look forward to communicating with you further in future e-newsletters.

Thank you,
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