

Newborn Screening in Texas

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BASICS: PURPOSE OF NEWBORN SCREENING



- Program to screen for 55 congenital and heritable disorders.
- Disorders may cause severe intellectual disability, chronic illness, or death with no clinical symptoms.
- Early detection and treatment leads to dramatic positive outcomes for most affected babies.
- Typically treatment through diet control, hormone replacement, and medical supervision.



BASICS: TIMING IS EVERYTHING



- Many disorders may cause irreparable damage in the first days of life.
- Changes in diet and/or other simple interventions can prevent lifelong consequences.
- If an abnormal result occurs, prompt follow-up is critical.
- Accuracy in testing and correct demographic information are essential.



AS OF MAY 2015 TEXAS SCREENS FOR 55 DISORDERS



- 53 rare disorders: Newborn Screening blood spot specimen
- 2 Points of Contact Screens
 - Congenital Hearing Loss
 - Critical Congenital Heart Disease



TEXAS EARLY HEARING DETECTION AND INTERVENTION



TEXAS NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING



Hearing screening by one of two tests:

- Otoacoustic Emissions (OAE)
- Automated Auditory Brainstem Response (AABR)



TEXAS NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING



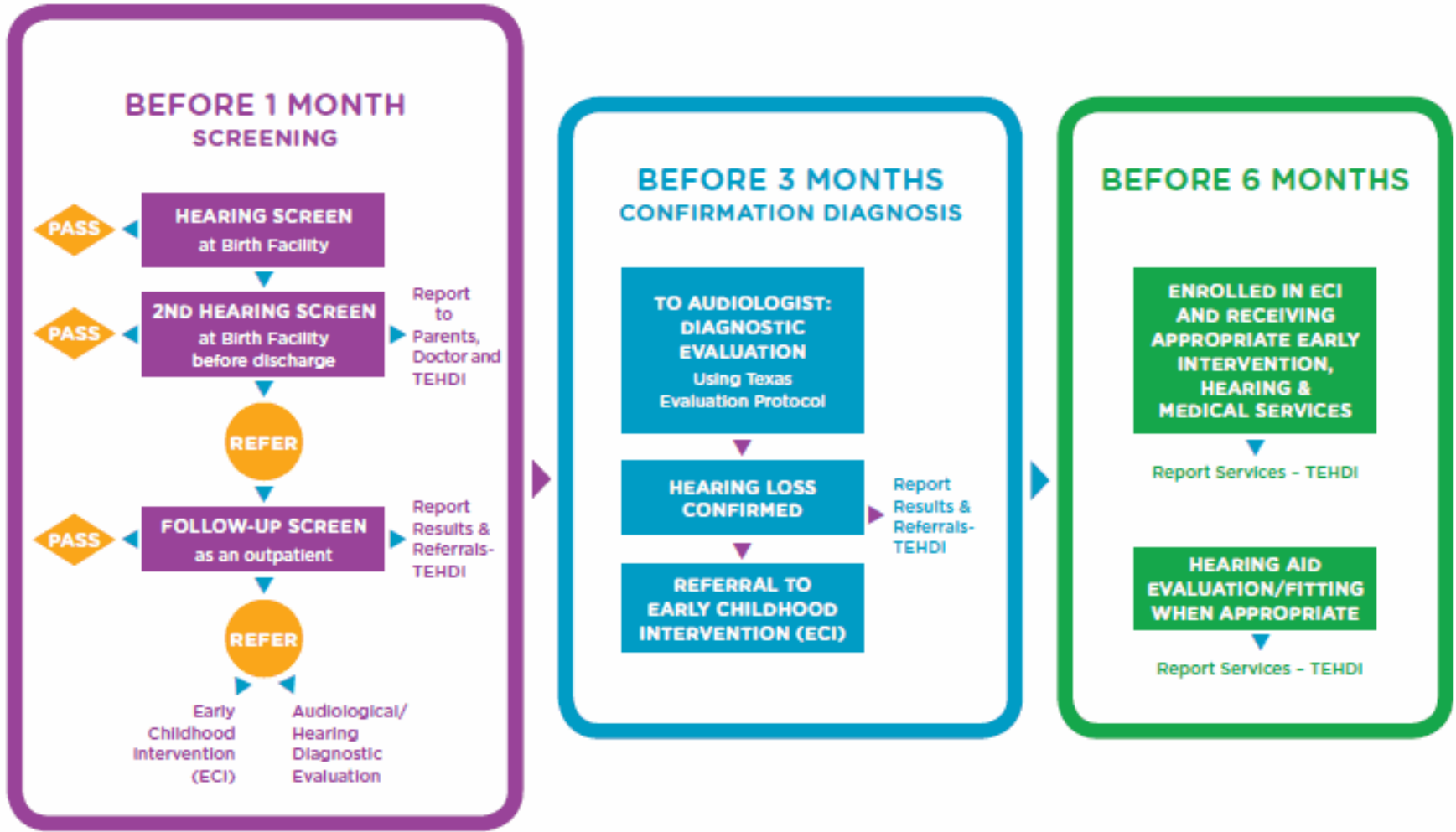
Mandated by Texas Senate Bill 793, 83rd Legislative Session

As codified by Health and Safety Code 43.003

- Requires birth facilities to perform directly or through a referral to another program certified under that section, a hearing screening for the identification of hearing loss
- Facilities that must perform Newborn Hearing Screening are:
 - ✓ Hospitals licensed under Chapter 241 offering obstetrical services
 - ✓ Birthing Centers licensed under Chapter 244



TEHDI: 1 – 3 – 6 MONTH PATH



Critical Congenital Heart Disease - CCHD



What is CCHD?

- Heart defects that lead to low oxygen in the newborn and require expert cardiac care and intervention in the immediate Newborn period or early infancy.
- 1 in every 4 babies born with a heart defect has a CCHD
- In the US, about 7,200 babies born every year have CCHD
- Identified using pulse oximetry screening at least 24 hours after birth before leaving the hospital



CCHD Screening



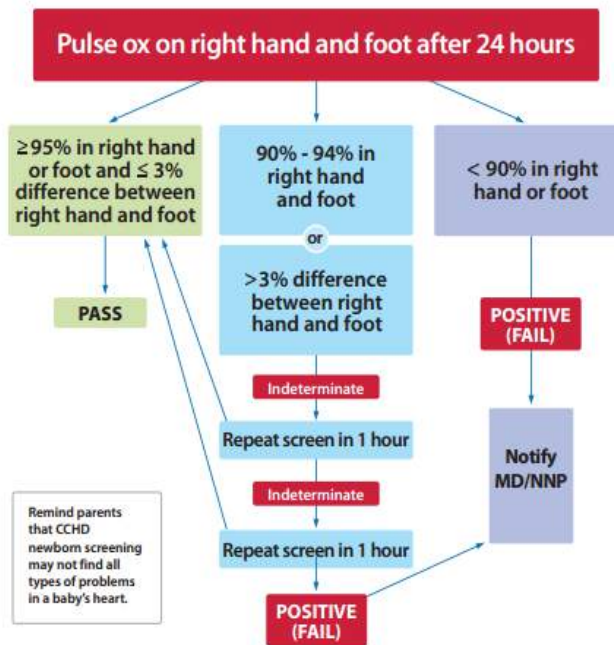
Critical Congenital Heart Disease (CCHD)



- Texas implemented CCHD screening in September 1, 2014
- Point of Contact Testing (at bedside)
- Pulse Oximetry utilized for screening
- Requires reporting of confirmed cases to DSHS
- Birth Defects via active surveillance will confirm number of babies with CCHD (not real time)



Critical Congenital Heart Disease Newborn Screening Algorithm



A Joint Educational Initiative of
The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio/Department
of Pediatrics, Baylor College of Medicine/Department of Pediatrics and Texas
Department of State Health Services



Confirmed CCHD in Texas: Sep 2014 - Sep 2016



Primary	
Hypoplastic Left Heart	30
Pulmonary Atresia	13
Tetralogy of Fallot	50
Total Anomalous Pulmonary	30
Transposition of Arteries	55
Tricuspid Atresia	13
Truncus Arteriosus	8
Unspecified Primary	23

Secondary	
Coarctation of Aorta	54
Double Outlet Ventricle	19
Ebstein Anomaly	8
Interrupted Aortic Arch	11
Single Ventricle	7
Unspecified Secondary	38

*Some patients may have more than one condition.

CCHD in Texas: Sep 2014 - Sep 2016



Timeframe	
Post-natal after norm pulse ox	23
Post-natal prior to pulse ox	101
Post-natal with pulse ox	41
Prenatal	7
Prenatal matched to post	109
Prenatal not matched to post	11
Blanks	18
Grand Total	310

Treatment	Count	%
Cardiac surgery	154	50%
Medical management	95	31%
Supportive care	21	7%
Blanks	40	12%
Grand Total	310	

Ethnicity	Count	%
African American	25	8%
Asian	3	1%
Hispanic	154	50%
Other	9	3%
Blanks	31	10%
White	88	28%
Grand Total	310	

Condition	Count	%
Isolated Heart Disease	210	68%
Multiple Anomalies	36	12%
Syndrome/ Chromosomal	38	12%
Blanks	26	8%
Grand Total	310	

Blood Spot Screening



PERCENTAGE OF BIRTHS SCREENED



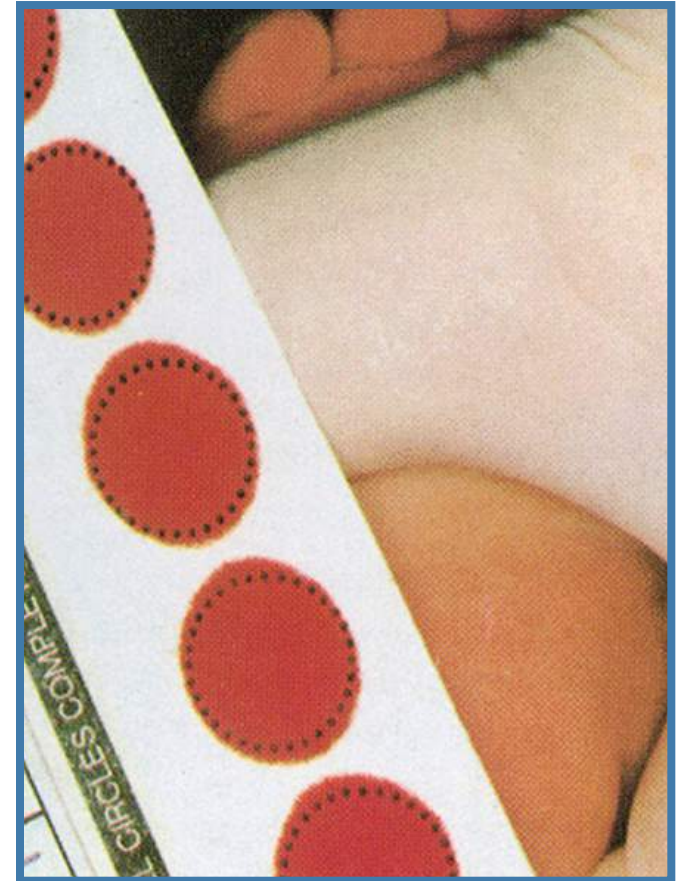
- Parents can only refuse to have their child screened if the screening conflicts with a parent's religious tenets or practices
- In 2014, 409,111 births were registered in TX and 8,241 (2.0%) were not linked to TX newborn screen database
 - 645 unlinked births were out of state births
 - 901 deaths occurred within 24 hours after birth
 - Were the remaining 6,695 (1.6%) newborns not screened due to parental refusal?

NEWBORN SCREENING PANEL



Currently screen for 53 disorders at the DSHS Lab

- Congenital Hypothyroidism
- Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia
- 3 primary and various other Hemoglobinopathies
- Galactosemia
- Biotinidase Deficiency
- 14 Amino Acid Disorders
- 13 Fatty Acid Oxidation Disorders
- 15 Organic Acid Disorders
- Cystic Fibrosis
- SCID and T-cell related lymphocyte deficiencies



THE 29 CORE CONDITIONS



PROP	Propionic Acidemia	CIT	Citrullinemia, Type I
MUT	Methylmalonic Acidemia (methylmalonyl-CoA mutase)	MSUD	Maple Syrup Urine Disease
Cbl A,B	Methylmalonic Acidemia (Cobalamin disorders)	HCY	Homocystinuria
IVA	Isovaleric Acidemia	PKU	Classic Phenylketonuria
3-MCC	3-Methylcrotonyl-CoA Carboxylase Deficiency	TYR I	Tyrosinemia, Type I
HMG	3-Hydroxy-3-Methylglutaric Aciduria	CH	Primary Congenital Hypothyroidism
MCD	Holocarboxylase Synthase Deficiency	CAH	Congenital adrenal hyperplasia
βKT	β-Ketothiolase Deficiency	Hb SS	S,S Disease (Sickle Cell Anemia)
GA1	Glutaric Acidemia Type I	Hb S/βTh	S, βbeta-Thalassemia
CUD	Carnitine Uptake Defect/Carnitine Transport Defect	Hb S/C	S,C Disease
MCAD	Medium-chain Acyl-CoA Dehydrogenase Deficiency	BIOT	Biotinidase Deficiency
VLCAD	Very Long-chain Acyl-CoA Dehydrogenase Deficiency	CF	Cystic Fibrosis
LCHAD	Long-chain L-3 Hydroxyacyl-CoA Dehydrogenase Deficiency	GALT	Classic Galactosemia
TFP	Trifunctional Protein Deficiency	SCID	Severe Combined Immunodeficiencies
ASA	Argininosuccinic Aciduria		

THE 24 SECONDARY CONDITIONS



Cbl C,D	Methylmalonic acidemia with homocystinuria	CPT II	Carnitine palmitoyltransferase type II deficiency
MAL	Malonic acidemia	CACT	Carnitine acylcarnitine translocase deficiency
IBG	Isobutyrylglycinuria	ARG	Argininemia
2MBG	2-Methylbutyrylglycinuria	CIT II	Citrullinemia, type II
3MGA	3-Methylglutaconic aciduria	MET	Hypermethioninemia
2M3HBA	2-Methyl-3-hydroxybutyric aciduria	H-PHE	Benign hyperphenylalaninemia
SCAD	Short-chain acyl-CoA dehydrogenase deficiency	BIOPT (BS)	Biopterin defect in cofactor biosynthesis
M/SCHAD	Medium/short-chain L-3-hydroxyacyl- CoA dehydrogenase deficiency	BIOPT (REG)	Biopterin defect in cofactor regeneration
GA2	Glutaric acidemia type II	TYR II	Tyrosinemia, type II
MCAT	Medium-chain ketoacyl-CoA thiolase deficiency	TYR III	Tyrosinemia, type III
DE RED	2,4 Dienoyl-CoA reductase deficiency	Var Hb	Various other hemoglobinopathies
CPT IA	Carnitine palmitoyltransferase type I deficiency		T-cell related lymphocyte deficiencies

TIMING



- **1st** blood sample is collected at **24 – 48 hours** after birth or before transfusion or discharge, regardless of weight or feeding status.
- **2nd** sample is recommended to be collected at **7 – 14 days** of age.

The later a specimen is drawn outside this timeframe, the greater the chance the screen may not identify a disorder.

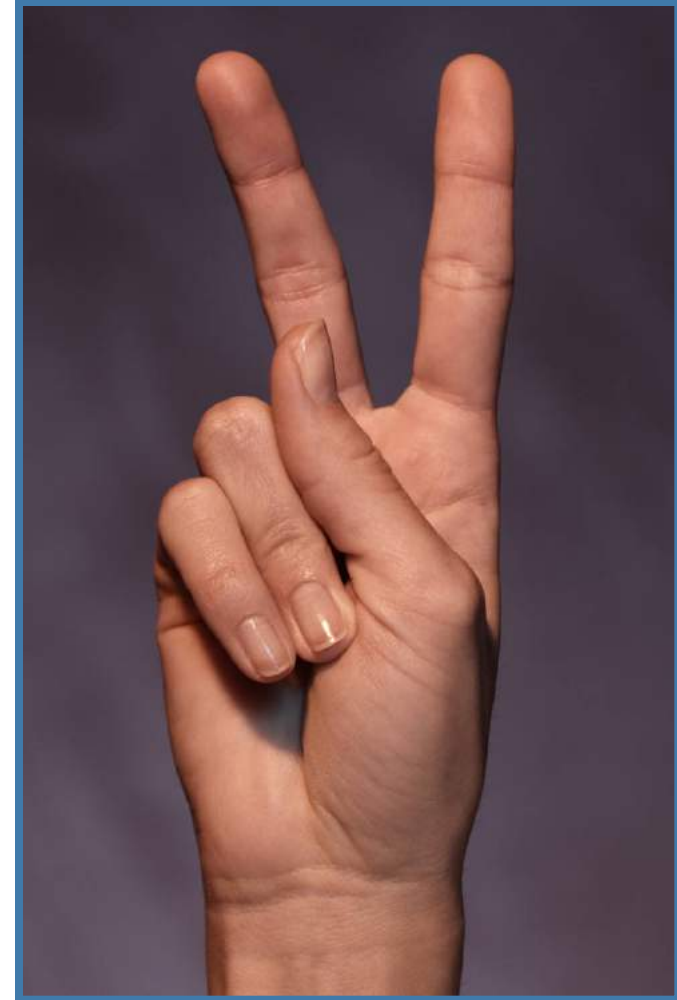


WHY TWO SCREENING TESTS?



1st Screen

- The tests for certain disorders pick up abnormal levels produced by the stress of birth.
- Abnormal levels for some disorders may normalize by the second screen.
- Early testing may mean the difference between life and death for a patient.

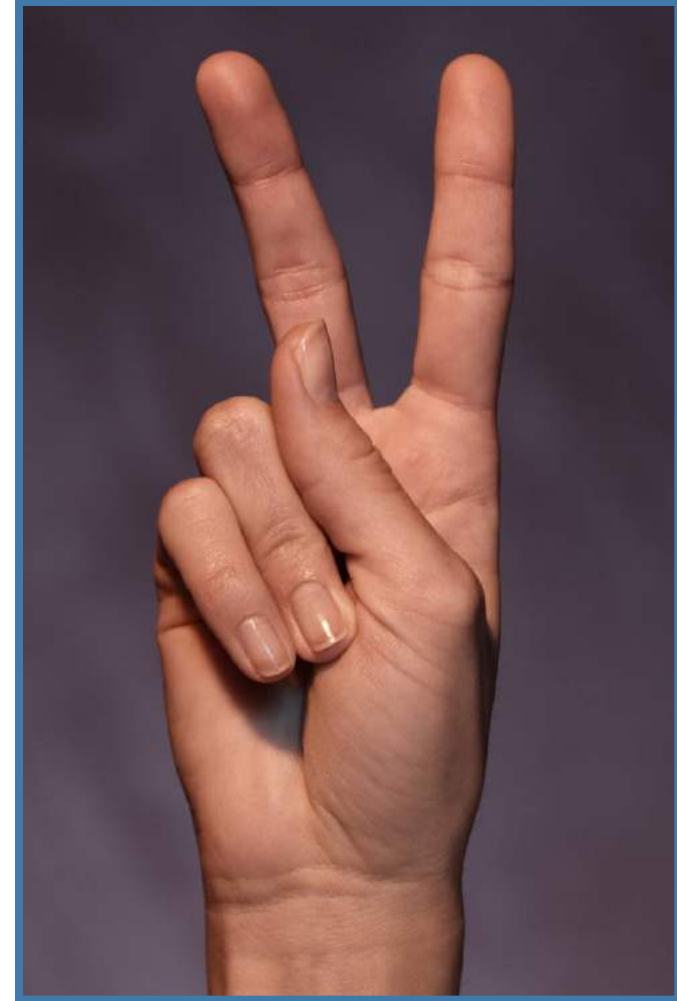


WHY DOES TEXAS LAW MANDATE TWO SCREENING TESTS?



2nd Screen

- Some disorders may be missed on the 1st screen due to infant physiology.
- The second screen is necessary to capture some disorders not picked up on the first screen.
- The CF testing protocol requires two screens.



IT TAKES A TEAM



- NBS Laboratory Services.
- NBS Clinical Care Coordination.
- Medical Providers/Medical Facilities.
- Parents and/or Caregivers.



DSHS NEWBORN SCREENING LABORATORY



- Operates 6 days a week
- Testing processes begin on all specimens within 1 business day of receipt
- Initial (critical) results may be available in as little as 24 hours
- All results reported within 4-5 business days



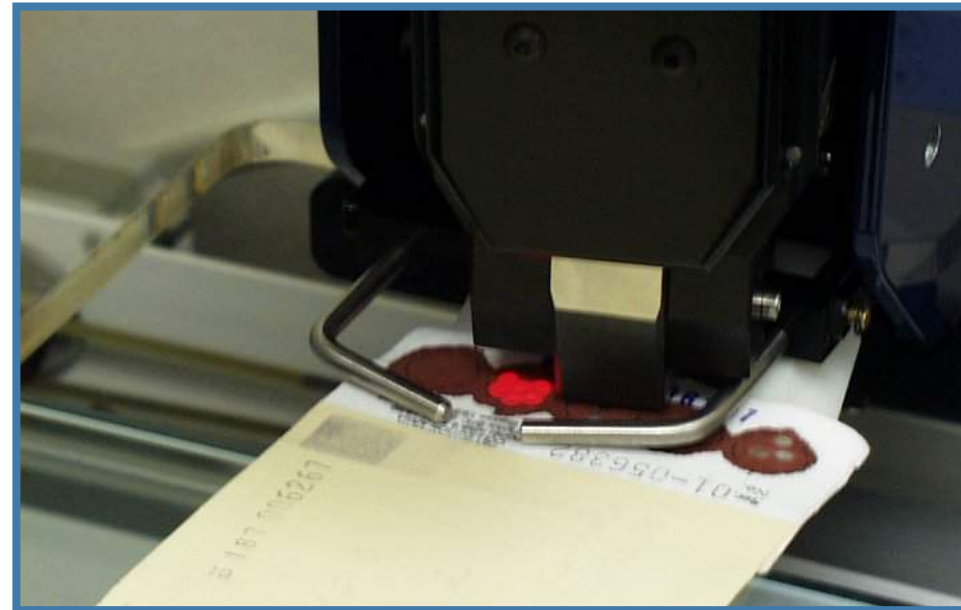
NBS LABORATORY SERVICES



LAB TESTING THE BLOOD SPOTS 2016




- Received 782,187 specimens (~400,000 newborns)
- Specimens Assayed and Reported: 775,084
 - Average 2,573 specimens per day
 - 7,103 unsatisfactory specimens (~0.91%)
- ~17,500 (2.2%) specimens reported with presumptive positive results
- Testing & follow-up performed 6 days a week



NORMAL SCREEN REPORT





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Department of
State Health Services

PHYSICAL ADDRESS
1100 W. 49th St
Austin, TX 78758

Texas Department of State Health Services

LABORATORY SERVICES SECTION
CLIA #45D0060044

CONFIDENTIAL LABORATORY REPORT

MAILING ADDRESS
PO BOX 149347
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78714-9347
1-888-963-7111

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NEWBORN SCREENING REPORT

Patient's Name: Mother's Name: Date of Birth: 07/03/2009 Medical Record: Birth Weight: 3,770 grams Race/Ethnicity: HISPANIC Sex: MALE Birth Order: Feed: Breast Status: NORMAL	Laboratory Number: Form Serial No: Date Collected: 07/05/2009 Date Received: 07/09/2009 Date Reported: 07/14/2009 Test: 1ST TEST (P) Mother's SSN: Mother's Address: Mother's Telephone: Physician's Name: Physician's Telephone:
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NORMAL SCREEN

Disorder *	Screening Result
Amino Acid Disorders	Normal
Fatty Acid Disorders	Normal
Organic Acid Disorders	Normal
Galactosemia	Normal
Biotinidase Deficiency	Normal
Hypothyroidism	Normal
CAH	Normal
Hemoglobinopathies	Normal
Cystic Fibrosis	Normal

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-- Demographic information entered through remote data systems.
 * Disorders Screened: AMINO ACID DISORDERS: Aminoaciduria (AUA), Citrullinemia (CT), Homocystinuria (HCT), Maple Syrup Urine Disease (MSUD), Phenylketonuria (PKU), Tyrosinemia Type I (TYR); FATTY ACID DISORDERS: Medium Chain Acyl-CoA Dehydrogenase Def. (MCAD), Very Long Chain Acyl-CoA Dehydrogenase Def. (VLCAD), Long Chain Hydroxyacyl-CoA Dehydrogenase Deficiency (LCHAD), Trifunctional Protein Def. (TFP), Carnitine Uptake Def. (CUD); ORGANIC ACID DISORDERS: Oxidative Adenine I (OA-I), 3-OH-3-Methyl Glutaryl Acyl-CoA (HMG), Isomeric Acidemia (IA), Multiple Carboxylase Def. (MCC), 3-Methyl Crotonyl-CoA Carboxylase Def. (MCC), Methylmalonic Acidemia (MMA), Propionic Acidemia (PA), Beta-Ketothiolase Def. (BKT), GALACTOSEMIA, BIOTINIDASE DEFICIENCY, CONGENITAL HYPOTHYROIDISM (CH), CONGENITAL ADRENAL HYPERPLASIA (CAH), HEMOGLOBINOPATHIES, including Hb B₂, Hb S/C, Hb B, Beta Thalassemia, Cystic Fibrosis (CF)

For more information, please refer to <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/lab/newbornscreening.shtm> Page 1 of 1

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ABNORMAL SCREEN REPORT



Disorder *	Screening Result	Analyte	Analyte Result
Amino Acid Disorders	Abnormal: See Note 1	Methionine	Elevated
Fatty Acid Disorders	Abnormal: See Note 2	C8	Borderline
		C6	Normal
		C10:1	Normal
		C10	Elevated
		C8/C2	Normal
Organic Acid Disorders	Normal		
Galactosemia	Normal		
Biotinidase Deficiency	Unsatisfactory: See Note 3		
Hypothyroidism	Abnormal: See Note 4	T4/TSH	T4 Low, TSH Moderately Elevated
CAH	Unsatisfactory: See Note 5		
Hemoglobinopathies	Abnormal: See Note 6	Hemoglobin	A,F,Other
Cystic Fibrosis	Abnormal: See Note 7	Immunoreactive Trypsinogen	Elevated

Screening Result Notes Continued:

5. Unsatisfactory - Please Resubmit: Patient Information incomplete or invalid (e.g. date of collection missing).
6. Probable Unidentified Hb Variant Trait. Notify family of test results. Recommend consultation with pediatric hematologist.
7. Two potential Cystic Fibrosis-causing mutations, ΔF508 and R117H (7T/9T), in the Cystic Fibrosis Transmembrane Conductance Regulator (CFTR) gene were identified. Recommend referral for confirmatory sweat testing and consider genetic counseling.

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- Consult with
2. Borderline
3. Unsatisfac
4. Possible h

TEXAS NEWBORN SCREENING CLINICAL CARE COORDINATION



FINDING THE MEDICAL PROVIDER



- Find the Medical Provider responsible for the medical care of the baby.
 - Determine if the baby is in the hospital.
- If a Medical Provider can be located:
 - Provide results.
 - Provide guidance for recommended actions.



FINDING THE FAMILY



If a Medical Provider cannot be located:

- Contact parents to obtain Primary Care Provider (PCP) information.
- If a PCP is not identified:
 - Provide results to family.
 - Direct family to an Emergency Department (ED) if necessary.
 - Clinical Care Nurse will coordinate with ED staff if family directed to ED.



WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS



If baby cannot be located:

- Utilize DSHS Regional Social Workers to assist with:
 - Locating the baby.
 - Connecting baby with health-care providers and services.
- Involve other agencies, including law enforcement and/or CPS if necessary.



RESOURCES DISTRIBUTED



Out-of-Range NBS

- Information mailed to parent
- NBS letter
- General NBS Brochures





POSITIVE SCREEN WITH VERY ELEVATED LEVELS: MEDICAL EMERGENCY

- Reported immediately to nurses in NBS Clinical Care Coordination.
- Nurse will notify PCP by phone and fax the same day the laboratory results reports are received from the DSHS lab.
- If no PCP is on record for the newborn or cannot be located, the nurse will notify the parents directly.

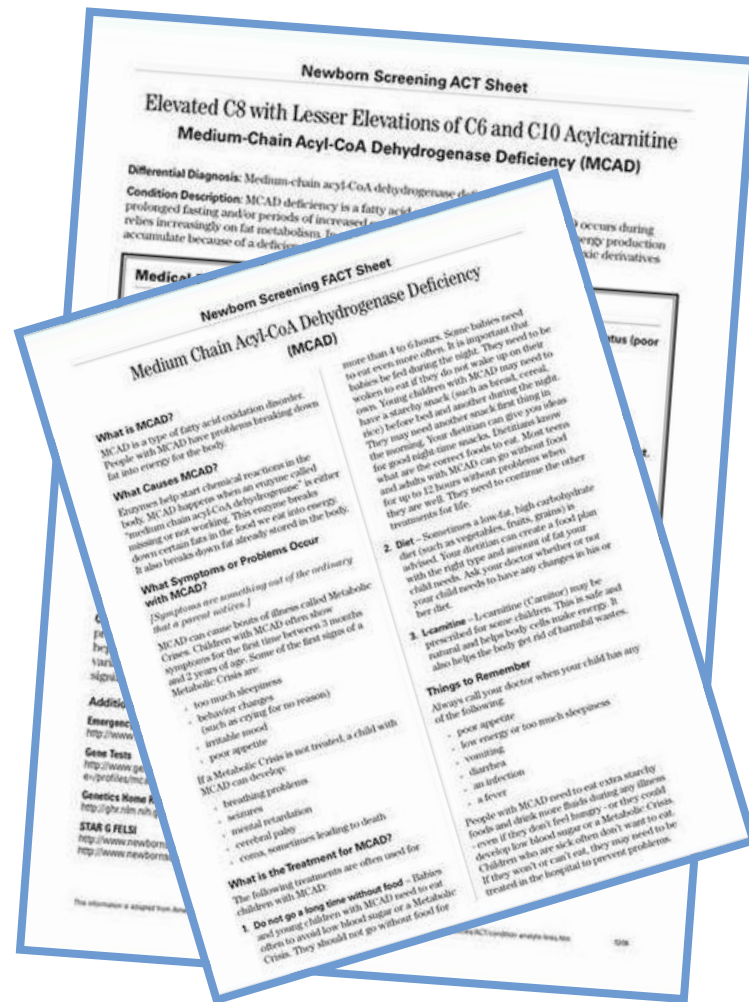


RESOURCES DISTRIBUTED FOR A NEWBORN REQUIRING URGENT FOLLOW-UP



Faxed to Medical Provider

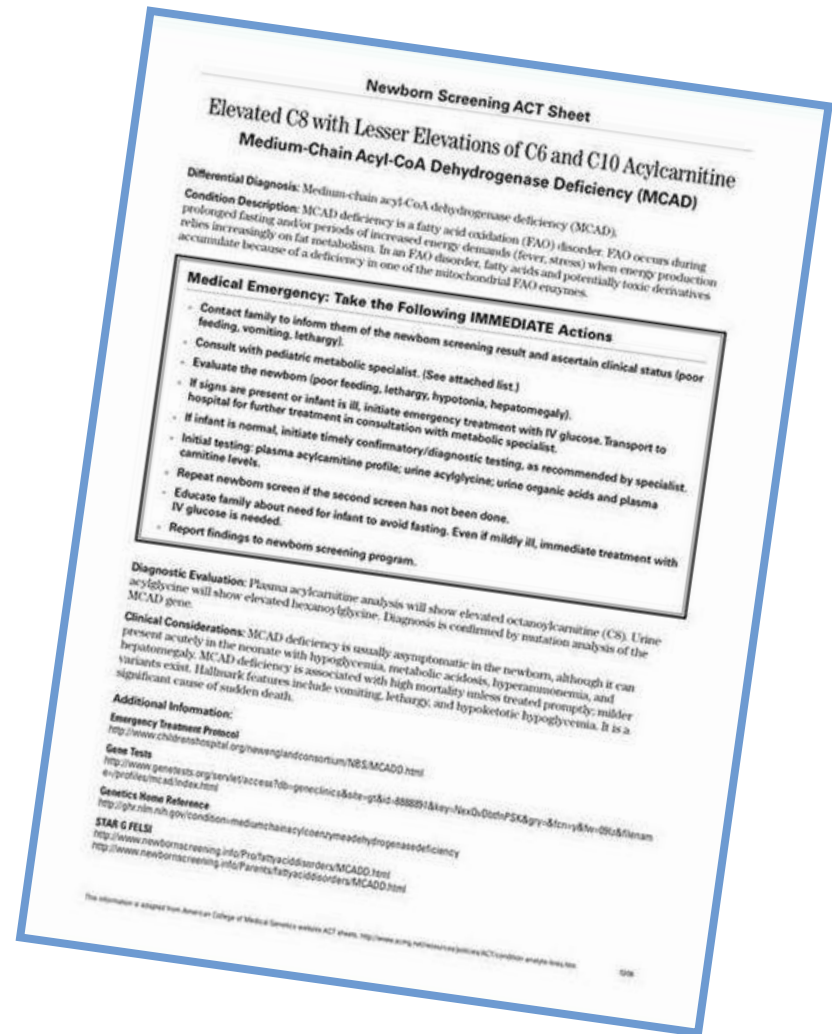
- NBS letter with:
 - NBS disorder-specific lab results.
 - Contact information for the NBS Nurse responsible for the NBS case.
 - Disorder-specific ACT/FACT Sheet.
- List of regional subspecialist consultants.



ACT (ACTION) SHEETS FOR PROVIDERS



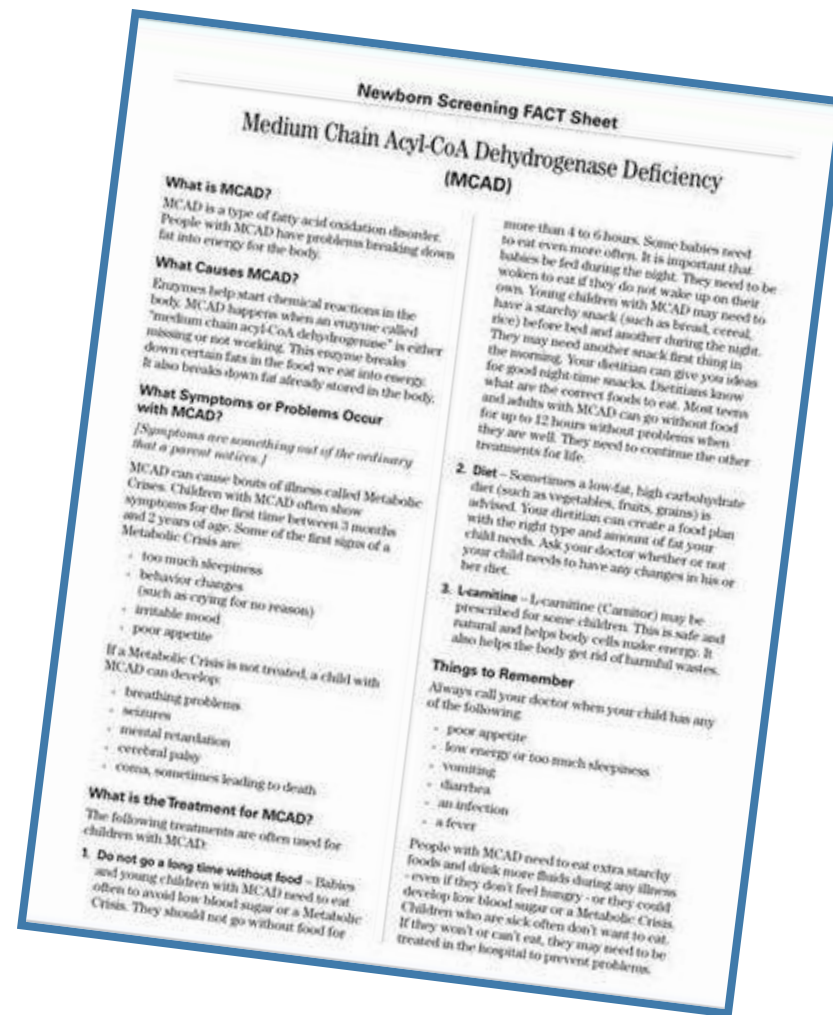
- Adapted from the American College of Medical Genetics (ACMG).
- Designed for the medical provider.
- Contain the following:
 - Differential Diagnosis.
 - Condition Description.
 - For medical emergencies, follow the instructions in the black outlined box.
- Available on the NBS Clinical Care Coordination website.



FACT SHEETS FOR PARENTS



- Each disorder has a FACT sheet that is modeled from the ACMG Fact Sheet.
- Designed for the PCP to share with the family.
- Information for the parents about symptoms, treatment, and things to remember for the specific disorder.
- Available on the NBS Clinical Care Coordination website.
- Available in English and Spanish.



MEDICAL PROVIDERS AND FACILITIES



BIRTH FACILITY AND PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER RESPONSIBILITIES



Birth Hospital:

- Assist with locating baby if needed.
- Identify PCP for infant.

PCP:

- Agree to follow-up with newborn/family.
- Agree to accept patient into practice.
- Refer to subspecialists as appropriate.



PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS



PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES



- Parent provides PCP information to Clinical Coordination Staff.
- If the newborn does not have a PCP:
 - Parent is asked to identify a PCP.
 - Take infant to ED if necessary.
- Parent must follow-up to ensure newborn:
 - Attends appointments.
 - Receives treatment and care if diagnosed.

LONG TERM FOLLOW-UP



Goal: To ensure the best possible outcome for individuals with disorders identified through newborn screening.

Components:

1. Care coordination through a medical home.
2. Evidence-based treatment.
3. Continuous quality improvement.
4. New knowledge discovery.





What is Involved?

- Continuing PCP/specialist visits.
- Continuing documentation of treatment.
- Parental involvement.
- Physician/specialist participation.

How long is a child in long term follow-up?

- Begins when an infant receives a confirmatory diagnosis.
- Continues until child is 4-18 years old, depending on the disorder.

LONG TERM FOLLOW-UP



Why Track Long Term?

- Evaluate effectiveness of the NBS Program.
- Develop evidence-based treatment.
- Improve treatment of affected individuals.
- Provide continuous quality improvement.



2015 Diagnosed Cases



Disorder	Diagnosed Cases
Biotinidase deficiency	39
Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia	87
Cystic Fibrosis	66
Galactosemia	7
Hypothyroidism	283
Sickling Hemoglobinopathies	175
Non-Sickling Hemoglobinopathies	28
Metabolic Disorders	119
Severe Combined Immune Def.	5
Secondary T-Cell Lymphopenias	118
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NBS Fee Increase



In order to recover costs for the current testing and follow-up, an increase of the newborn screening fee was needed.

- Old fee - \$33.60
 - Established 10/10/2012
 - 10th lowest NBS fee in US
- New fee - \$55.24
 - Effective date 10/1/2016
 - 12th lowest NBS fee in US

New Conditions Added onto the RUSP



The Recommended Uniform Screening Panel (RUSP) added:

- Pompe:
 - Approved for addition in March 2015
- Mucopolysaccharidosis Type I (MPS1)
 - Approved for addition in February 2016
- X-linked Adrenoleukodystrophy (X-ALD)
 - Approved for addition in February 2016



Timeliness Recommendations: Overall

To achieve the goals of timely diagnosis and treatment of screened conditions and to avoid associated disability, morbidity and mortality, the following time frames should be achieved by NBS systems for the initial NBS specimen:

- Presumptive positive results for time-critical conditions should be communicated immediately to the newborn's healthcare provider but no later than five days of life.
- Presumptive positive results for all other conditions should be communicated to the newborn's healthcare provider as soon as possible but no later than seven days of life.
- All NBS tests should be completed within seven days of life with results reported to the healthcare provider as soon as possible.

ACHDNC Timeliness Recommendations: Pre-analytical



In order to achieve these goals:

- Initial NBS specimens should be collected in the appropriate time frame for the newborn's condition but no later than 48 hours after birth, and
- NBS specimens should be received at the laboratory as soon as possible; ideally within 24 hours of collection.

Timeliness: Ongoing Activities



- Work with stakeholders to increase awareness
- Submitter Monthly Report Cards
- Spotlight Recognition
- Letter to Birth Hospital CEO's
- Online quarterly report on submitter performance
- NewSTEPs 360 Project
- Improve courier use and efficiency
- Improve turnaround time in the lab

Courier Services



- Funded by DSHS with focus on first screen specimens
- Lone Star Delivery and Processing
 - Hospitals, Pediatric Clinics
 - 530 NBS submitters
 - 69% of NBS specimens (85% of 1st screens)
 - Pick-up Sun – Fri, deliver Mon - Sat
- FedEx
 - 150 NBS submitters
 - 13.8% of specimens (14.5% of 1st screens)
 - Pick-up and deliver Mon - Sat
- Want to add more NBS submitters to FedEx

NBS BENEFITS PROGRAM



WHAT IS THE NBS BENEFITS PROGRAM?



- Targets families *without* Medicaid or private insurance.



WHAT ARE THE NBS BENEFITS FOR PATIENTS?



- Confirmatory testing.
- Dietary supplements.
- Metabolic foods.
- Low-protein foods.
- Medications.
- Vitamins.
- Follow-up care.



WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR NBS BENEFITS?



- Texas Resident
- Those with a presumed positive screen or a confirmed diagnosis of a disorder screened for in the Texas Newborn Screening Program.
- An income at or below 350% of the federal poverty income level (FPL).



NBS Educational Efforts



- Newborn Screening Grand Rounds
 - Anticipated Winter/Spring 2017
 - Dr. Richard Parad and Dr. Donna Beth Willey Courand (Cystic Fibrosis)
 - Dr. Kathy Hassell (Hemoglobinopathies)
- Newborn Screening Journal Club
- Tales from the Crib -NBS Morbid & Mortality
- Educational Outreach
 - External Grand Rounds
 - General NBS presentation
 - Webinar General NBS Grand Round
 - Education Positions are now filled

NBS/Genetics Educational Efforts



DSHS Funds:

- Yearly State of the Art Genetics Conferences-designed for primary care providers
- Baylor Seminars with Genetics-community based genetic seminars
 - Collaborative project with UT Austin Center for Disability Studies (TCDS)
- Teratogen Information Program
- Clinical genetics medical student summer internships



Texas Health Steps Modules-CME accredited Provider Education

- Newborn Screening
- Sickle Cell Disease and Trait
- Critical Congenital Heart Disease
- Newborn Hearing Screening
- Genetic Screening, Testing, Treatment and Referral



Newborn Screening Laboratory

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/lab/newbornscreening.shtm>

NewbornScreeningLab@dshs.state.tx.us

1-888-963-7111 ext. 7333

Clinical Care Coordination

www.dshs.state.tx.us/newborn

Newborn@dshs.state.tx.us

1-888-963-7111 ext. 3957

NBS Benefits Program

www.dshs.state.tx.us/newborn/benefits.aspx

1-800-252-8023 ext. 2983



Questions?