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Blood Dot Specimen Cards

As you know, the Ontario Newborn Screening Program implemented new blood spot specimen collection cards in August 2006. These new cards provide the Program with critical demographic information that is necessary for the accurate interpretation of test results as well as to reduce the time to locate a screen-positive baby who requires urgent follow-up testing. The cards were designed based upon best practices and procedures from newborn screening programs across North America.

As we prepare to order a new supply of cards, we welcome your comments and feedback on our current cards. Not all suggested changes are possible; however, we appreciate your input and will bring all of your ideas to our discussion.

Please email comments to:

NewbornScreening@cheo.on.ca

Again, thank you for your cooperation and assistance in making the Ontario Newborn Screening Program the most effective and efficient that it can be.

Additional information about the Ontario Newborn Screening Program can be found at:
http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/providers/program/child/screening/screen_sum.html

These bulletins are being circulated to keep you abreast of changes to the Ontario Newborn Screening program. Please share this information with any relevant personnel in your hospital / clinic. If there is someone who would like to be added to this list, contact:
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