

**BULLETIN #13 – February 22, 2007**

***Galactosemia and Biotinidase Deficiency Screening delayed,  
new start date is February 28, 2007!***

Due to unforeseen circumstances related to the availability of laboratory supplies and reagents, the Ontario Newborn Screening Laboratory has been forced to delay the start date for screening for galactosemia and biotinidase deficiency (previously announced as February 19, 2007). Screening for galactosemia and biotinidase deficiency will begin on February 28, 2007.

For more information about these disorders, see:

[http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/providers/program/child/screening/pdf/fs\\_biot.pdf](http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/providers/program/child/screening/pdf/fs_biot.pdf)  
[http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/providers/program/child/screening/pdf/fs\\_galact.pdf](http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/providers/program/child/screening/pdf/fs_galact.pdf) .

We apologize for any confusion this change in date may have caused. Thank you for your understanding in this matter and for your continued 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](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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