

BULLETIN #14 – March 7, 2007

1. Ensuring all babies born in Ontario are screened

It is the goal of the Ontario Newborn Screening Laboratory to screen all babies born in the province. Although each practice and each institution should already have a process in place to ensure that all parents are offered screening for their infants or to document those very rare instances in which parents decline the newborn screen, there is no mechanism at the present time for the Ontario Newborn Screening Laboratory to know that this is occurring. In order for us to investigate the possibility of implementing a system to ensure province-wide coverage of newborn screening, we would appreciate your cooperation in responding to the following survey.

Please complete this survey (or forward it to the most appropriate person at your institution or practice for completion) and return it by fax to (613) 738-0853 or by email at NewbornScreening@cheo.on.ca by March 31, 2007.

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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Fax completed surveys to (613) 738-0853 or email them to the address below. Thank you.

Name of person completing survey: _____

Your title/role: _____

Name of Institution/Practice (please detail if there is more than one site): _____

City: _____

Contact phone # and/or email: _____

Number of babies screened at your institution/practice per year (approx): _____

How do you ensure that every baby who is born or is admitted to your institution/practice has had a newborn screen?

How do you ensure that you have received a report for every newborn screening sample that is taken at your institution/practice?

When a parent declines the newborn screen, how is it documented?

Comments:

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