

BULLETIN #16 – April 26, 2007

1. Change in reporting process beginning April 30, 2007

As you know, the current method used to distribute newborn screening results to healthcare providers is to print them individually as sealed mailers. This has raised some concerns for high-volume submitters and in response to this, we are changing our reporting process. When there are three or more reports going to the same submitting healthcare provider, each patient's results will be printed on 8.5" x 11" paper, and all reports for that day will be mailed together in a single sealed envelope. We anticipate that this will save you time and effort by eliminating the tedious task of opening multiple single reports each day.

This change has been piloted for the past week with a number of high-volume submitters, and has received a great deal of enthusiastic support. As a result, we plan to implement this new process for all Ontario submitters beginning on **Monday, April 30, 2007**. Please feel free to contact us with any feedback once the new process has gone into effect so that we can properly assess the process and rectify any issues accordingly.

2. New genetic counsellor

Some of you may have already had the opportunity to speak with Shelley Kennedy, a genetic counsellor who has recently joined the NBS program. Shelley will be replacing Tillie Chiu and any inquiries about the program can be directed to either Shelley or Sari. Shelley may be reached at 613-738-3222 ext. 3434 or via email at skennedy@cheo.on.ca. We know that you will join us in welcoming Shelley to the NBS team and thanking Tillie for her hard work and dedication to the NBS program.

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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