



Ontario Newborn Screening Program

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Change to Newborn Screening Report; Newborn Screening Workshop Announcement; Telehealth Reminder

1. Change to Newborn Screening Report:

Reports for unsatisfactory samples, specifically samples taken at less than 24 hours of age and samples delivered to the lab greater than 14 days after collection, will no longer include a comment about the screening results. These samples are unsatisfactory and therefore do not adequately assess the infant for the conditions on the Ontario Newborn Screening Panel. The following comment will now appear on these reports:

A REPEAT SAMPLE IS REQUESTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

2. Newborn Screening Workshop announcement:

The ONSP will be holding our first Regional Workshop for Ottawa and area hospitals and midwifery practices on **Friday, October 17, 2008**. Invitations will be sent directly to hospitals and midwifery practices in the Ottawa, Brockville, Pembroke, Almonte, Hawkesbury, Smiths Falls, Renfrew and Winchester areas. If you are located in one of these areas and have not received an invitation, please contact us.

3. Telehealth Education Reminder:

Ms. Shelley Kennedy, Genetic Counsellor, will be giving a lunch hour telehealth presentation on Thursday, September 25th, 2008 titled "The Heel prick Test: Helpful Hints and Common Pitfalls." For instructions on how to view the presentation, please see the telehealth announcement in the Bulletins section of

www.newbornscreening.on.ca.

Once 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:
www.newbornscreening.on.ca

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: Shelley Kennedy or Sari Zelenietz, Genetic Counsellors
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