



Ontario Newborn Screening Program

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Expired Blood Dot Cards

It has come to our attention that some submitters are sending in samples on expired blood dot cards. All blood dot cards have an expiry date which can be found in the upper right hand corner of the card next to the image of an hourglass, under the circles for the blood.

All cards with a serial number prior to A229300 have expired and should not be used for collecting blood dot samples.

To avoid wasting the expired cards, please return them to the ONSP where they will be used for other purposes, such as equipment calibration or educational initiatives. Please send them the same way as regular samples in a separate Xpress post envelope.

The ONSP will begin issuing unsatisfactory reports and babies will require a repeat sample for all specimens received on expired blood dot cards.

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:
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