



When identification and treatment start early, babies with biliary atresia can have a better chance to grow and develop normally.

What is biliary atresia?

Biliary atresia (BA) is a rare but serious disease where bile cannot get from the liver to the stool (poop). Babies with BA usually seem well but they can develop **pale yellow or whitish coloured stools** in the first month of life. Along with the pale poop, these babies can have yellow skin and eyes (**jaundice**) **lasting longer than the first two weeks of life**. Without treatment, babies with BA will develop life-threatening liver damage. Treatment is most effective when babies are identified before they are one month old.

How can you screen for biliary atresia?

You can screen for BA by comparing your baby's stool (poop) colour to the numbered pictures on the front of this card, for the first month after birth. Screening for abnormal stool colour can help to identify problems with the liver earlier. Keep this card close by when you change your baby's diaper.

Who do I contact and when?

If at any time during the screening you notice that your baby has an abnormal stool colour (number 1,2,3,4,5, or 6), please contact Newborn Screening Ontario using the information on the front of this card.

Please have available the baby's name, birth date, and health card number. If you also choose to see your doctor, please take this card with you.

What happens next?

First, don't be alarmed. This is a screening tool and not a diagnostic test. A clinical team member from Newborn Screening Ontario will return your call by the next business day to discuss your concern and begin next steps. Your privacy and health information is protected. Learn more: www.newbornscreening.on.ca/privacy

If you have concerns about your baby **other than stool colour**, please contact your health care provider. For more information about biliary atresia, visit our website or scan the QR code on the front of the card.

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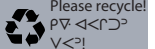
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