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Family Stories – Share the Impact

This year, we are promoting family stories on our website and through social media to highlight the real-world impact of newborn screening and the difference it makes for families across the province.

Does a family you know have a story to share?

They can contact us at nso@cheo.on.ca or find more information and a submission form on our website at www.newbornscreening.on.ca/familystories.

New: NSO Screening Pathway Documents

NSO has developed new pathway documents for dried blood spot, critical congenital heart disease (CCHD), and biliary atresia (BA) screening, outlining the roles and responsibilities of all partners involved in the screening process – including birth hospitals and midwifery practices, NSO, medical teams and treatment centres. These are available for your reference on our [Submitter Hub site](#).

NSO Survey Results Are In!

Thank you for your support in sharing our survey on the awareness and effectiveness of our newborn screening program! Your efforts helped us reach many families and providers across Ontario. The survey is now complete and results are available. We've created two infographics to highlight key findings:

-  Feedback from [parents & caregivers](#)
-  Feedback from [healthcare providers](#)

Biliary Atresia Screening Updates

Before Discharge: Reinforce Early Detection

- Healthcare providers should show, explain, and hand the Infant Stool Colour Card (ISCC) to every parent at discharge. Your explanation enables effective home screening.
-  Why this matters:
 - Cards can be misunderstood, or missed in discharge packages
 - Missed education = delayed detection

New Learning Tools Available

We've developed new [educational resources](#) to support healthcare providers in discussing BA screening with families. We encourage you to share these with your teams:

- [BA microlearning video](#)
- [BA e-learning video](#)

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Milestone: 1,000 Contacts to NSO!

Since launching BA screening in January 2023:

- We received our 1,000th contact from a parent and/or provider this month!
- We've reviewed over 2,700 stool photos submitted to our team.

We're proud of this unique, parent-led screening program and remain committed to continuous improvement to support early detection and healthier outcomes for infants.

Don't hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Thank you,

