

Ontario Newborn Screening Program

A newsletter for health care providers

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Reporting of Results and Hospital Unique Numbers

The Ontario Newborn Screening (NBS) Program moved its operations from Toronto to the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO) in Ottawa and began reporting results on April 4, 2006. The program has already expanded from screening for phenylketonuria (PKU) and congenital hypothyroidism (CH) to screening for these two conditions plus MCAD (medium chain acyl-CoA dehydrogenase) deficiency. Over the course of 2006, the program will be expanding even further and we will be screening for at least 27 conditions by the end of 2006. Information about the expanded NBS Program can be found at:

http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/providers/program/child/screening/screen_sum.html.

The NBS Program has developed this newsletter, which will be published periodically to address core program issues, modifications and enhancements as they arise.

During the week of May 15, 2006, the NBS Program began sending out electronically generated reports for each newborn screened by the program. **This means that any lab sticker or identifying chart number that may have been affixed to the original requisitions will not be returned to you.** Several hospitals have expressed concern that this will greatly hamper their ability to match the report that the program sends to the infant's medical record at the birthing institution.

In order to address any immediate concerns, we are proposing the following *temporary* solution:

Please **HIGHLIGHT** the patient's unique number that is most important to your institution on the **white copy of the requisition**.

For some hospitals, this will be the patient's chart number. For others, it will be the specimen send-out identifier. On the new newborn screening blood dot card, which will be introduced later this summer, a 12-digit field will be available for hospitals to write in their unique numbers. We will begin to include this number as the "Submitter Unique Number" on electronically generated reports as soon as we can. Some reports that you may receive in the interim may not yet have this feature. Please see the attached [sample report](#) for more details.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in making the Ontario Newborn Screening Program the most effective and efficient that it can be.

Resources

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