

2nd Annual Newborn Screening Telehealth Presentations

The Ontario Newborn Screening Program is pleased to make you aware of its second annual telehealth education series, this time with two sessions. The first is intended as an introduction to newborn screening in Ontario and heel prick technique - ideal for new employees or as a refresher. The second is designed to address specific issues that you have flagged for us as areas of difficulty in our recent survey and to answer other common newborn screening queries.

1) Wednesday October 17, 2007, 12:00-1:00pm (EST)

Title: "A Review of Blood Spot Collection and An Update on the Ontario Newborn Screening Program"

Presenter: Ms. Sari Zelenietz, MSc, Genetic Counsellor

Content:

- How are we doing so far? An overview and update of newborn screening in Ontario
- Video presentation of specimen collection using the heelprick method (preferred) and alternative methods
- Question period

2) Thursday October 25, 2007, 12:00-1:00pm (EST)

Title: "Newborn Screening: Why It's Such a Pain in the Heel"

Presenter: Ms. Shelley Kennedy, MSc, CGC, Genetic Counsellor

Content:

- Troubleshooting: addressing specific issues
- You asked... we've got the answer! Feedback on the submitters' survey
- Question period

Registration:

To attend one or both of these sessions, please contact the telehealth scheduling office in your institution. Ontario Telemedicine Network Partners in the East and Southwest are to forward their site and system information to east.scheduling@otn.ca and partners in the North/GTA can contact rferguson@otn.ca.

Webcast Option (New!):

Can't attend the live telehealth sessions? No problem! New this year is the option of viewing the sessions as a pre-recorded webcast, accessible from the public archives of the Ontario Telemedicine Network website:

<http://webcast.otn.ca/archives.html>. Just select the title of the desired presentation and it can be available for viewing at your convenience.