



Ontario Newborn Screening Program
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Change to Newborn Screening Report; Newborn Screening Workshop Announcement; Telehealth Reminder

1. Change to Newborn Screening Report:

Reports for unsatisfactory samples, specifically samples taken at less than 24 hours of age and samples delivered to the lab greater than 14 days after collection, will no longer include a comment about the screening results. These samples are unsatisfactory and therefore do not adequately assess the infant for the conditions on the Ontario Newborn Screening Panel. The following comment will now appear on these reports:

A REPEAT SAMPLE IS REQUESTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

2. Newborn Screening Workshop announcement:

The ONSP will be holding our first Regional Workshop for Ottawa and area hospitals and midwifery practices on **Friday, October 17, 2008**. Invitations will be sent directly to hospitals and midwifery practices in the Ottawa, Brockville, Pembroke, Almonte, Hawkesbury, Smiths Falls, Renfrew and Winchester areas. If you are located in one of these areas and have not received an invitation, please contact us.

3. Telehealth Education Reminder:

Ms. Shelley Kennedy, Genetic Counsellor, will be giving a lunch hour telehealth presentation on Thursday, September 25th, 2008 titled "The Heel prick Test: Helpful Hints and Common Pitfalls." For instructions on how to view the presentation, please see the telehealth announcement in the Bulletins section of www.newbornscreening.on.ca.

Once 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: Shelley Kennedy or Sari Zelenietz, Genetic Counsellors
(613) 738-3222, option #1; NewbornScreening@cheo.on.ca



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3rd Annual Newborn Screening Telehealth Presentations

The Ontario Newborn Screening Program is pleased to announce its third annual telehealth education series.

1) Wednesday September 17, 2008, 12:00-1:00pm (EST)

Title: "Saving Lives Through Newborn Screening: We All Play A Part"

Presenter: Ms. Sari Zelenietz, MSc, CGC, CCGC, Genetic Counsellor

Content:

- What happens when a baby screens positive
- Results of the newborn screening workshop survey for submitting institutions (Bulletin 28)
- What's new in newborn screening in Ontario

To register, have the Telemedicine contact in your institution click on the link below:

<https://schedule.otn.ca/tsm/portal/nonclinical/details.do?request.requestId=5017235>

2) Thursday September 25, 2008, 12:00-1:00pm (EST)

Title: "The Heelprick Test: Helpful Hints And Common Pitfalls"

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

Content:

- Review of the blood spot collection educational resource (including examples of unsatisfactory newborn blood spots we received)
- Unsatisfactory samples statistics for the 07-08 period
- What's new in newborn screening in Ontario

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<https://schedule.otn.ca/tsm/portal/nonclinical/details.do?request.requestId=5028556>

Live Webcast Option (New!):

For your convenience, we have added the option of viewing each presentation as a live webcast from your computer. Go to the Ontario Telemedicine Network website live events page at <http://webcast.otn.ca/liveevents.html> on the appropriate date and time of the presentation you want to see. Then select the title of the desired presentation. Prior to viewing a session, it is recommended that you verify if your computer meets minimum requirements. The webcasts will be recorded and accessible from the public archives of the Ontario Telemedicine Network website at <http://webcast.otn.ca/archives.html> about one week later.

Telemedicine Coordinators:

If you are unable to self-register your studio, please contact your regional OTN scheduling office and provide your site and system information.

East partners contact: east.scheduling@otn.ca

Southwest partners contact: west.scheduling@otn.ca.

North/Central/GTA contact events@otn.ca