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Changes to Sample Transportation

As you know, the Government of Ontario ended its contract with Purolator effective September 1st, 2010, and is now using CanPar as its courier service.

Newborn Screening Ontario was part of the Government of Ontario contract, which allowed us to use the Purolator service at a significantly reduced cost. We considered many options of using Purolator and/or CanPar to identify the best, most cost effective, transportation option for newborn screening samples. We have determined that CanPar can provide the best service that meets our needs for the majority of samples in terms of delivery times, traceability, and cost.

Therefore we will be moving to CanPar service for newborn screening sample transportation as soon as possible. Representatives of CanPar will contact you next week via email to set up your CanPar account and provide you with information about using the CanPar service. We ask that you transition to CanPar immediately upon receiving your account information and set up package.

Please note that there are a very small number of rural and northern communities for which CanPar service does not provide adequate delivery times, and so Purolator service will continue. We have included a list of postal codes and hospitals/practices that will continue using Purolator on the second page of this bulletin. **If your organization is to continue using Purolator service, NSO will contact you directly, otherwise you must switch to CanPar.**

We realize that this is an unexpected change for all of us and we will continue to do our best to provide you with the information and support you need to successfully transition to this new system.

These bulletins are being circulated to keep you abreast of changes to Newborn Screening Ontario. Please share this information with any relevant personnel in your hospital / practice. If there is someone who would like to be added to this list, contact NSO at: (613) 738-3222, option #0 or at NewbornScreening@cheo.on.ca.

Hospitals/Practices and postal codes that will continue using Purolator Service

Institution Name	Postal Code
COMMUNITY MIDWIVES OF THUNDER BAY	P7B 6E4
MATERNITY CARE MIDWIVES - THUNDER BAY	P7B 7C7
SAULT AREA HOSPITALS	P6A 2C4
DRYDEN REGIONAL HEALTH CENTRE	P8N 1V8
RIVERSIDE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES INC	P9A 2B7
KENORA MIDWIVES	P9N 1H8
BLIND RIVER DISTRICT HEALTH CENTRE	P0R 1B0
LADY DUNN GENERAL HOSPITAL	P0S 1K0
THUNDER BAY REGIONAL HEALTH SCIENCES CENTRE	P7B 6V4
WILSON MEMORIAL GENERAL HOSPITAL	P0T 2E0
NOTRE-DAME HOSPITAL	P0L 1N0
MUSKOKA ALGONQUIN HEALTH CARE	P1L 2E4
Pratique de Sage-Femme de Hearst Midwifery Practice	P0L 1N0
MIDWIVES OF ALGOMA	P6A 6L6
SIOUX LOOKOUT MENO YAHWIN HEALTH CENTRE	P8T 1B4
NIPIGON DISTRICT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	P0T 2J0
ATIKOKAN GENERAL HOSPITAL	P0T 1C0
GERALDTON DISTRICT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	P0T 1M0
HORNEPAYNE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	P0M 1Z0
LADY MINTO HOSPITAL AT COCHRANE	P0L 1C0
LAKE OF THE WOODS DISTRICT HOSPITAL	P9N 3W7
McCAUSLAND HOSPITAL	P0T 2W0
RED LAKE HOSPITAL	P0V 2M0
SENSENBRENNER HOSPITAL	P5N 3H5