



Newborn Screening Bulletin 2017-6

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EASTER MONDAY

Purolator and NSO are both running a regular workday on Easter Monday (April 17, 2017). **Please ensure that you ship samples on Easter Monday for Tuesday delivery at NSO and that where Saturday pickups are available, that you ship samples on Saturday for Monday delivery at NSO.**

“SAMPLE COLLECTED AT <24 HOURS (EARLY DISCHARGE)” CHECKBOX ON NEW COLLECTION CARDS

The new blood spot collection cards are currently available through VWR. A number of submitters have inquired about the “Sample collected at <24 hours (early discharge)” checkbox. NSO added this to the card so that submitters who collect a newborn screening sample BEFORE 24 hours of age due to early discharge can indicate this on the newborn screening card. When this information is confirmed on the card, NSO does not need to contact the submitter to confirm the date and time of collection.

CARDS EXPIRING

A batch of blood spot collection cards expired on March 31, 2017. Please check your stock to ensure you are not using expired cards.

NEW EDITION OF THE NEWBORN SCREENING MANUAL

NSO is pleased to announce that the second edition of the Newborn Screening Manual is available online. This updated edition of the manual includes extensive information about Critical Congenital Heart Disease (CCHD) screening. As you know, CCHD screening is beginning across Ontario throughout 2017. If you have questions about the CCHD rollout, please contact nsocchd@cheo.on.ca.

The current version of the manual is only available online. We will inform you when a print version is available.

Please contact us at newbornscreening@cheo.on.ca if you have any questions about the information in this bulletin.

Thank you for your continued involvement in ensuring every newborn in Ontario receives newborn screening.

