



Newborn Screening Bulletin 2017-8

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Newborn Screening Cards— Recall notice

NSO has determined that the new lot of blood collection paper in the most recent batch of newborn screening cards is not optimal for Biotinidase deficiency screening. We have implemented temporary corrective actions within the lab to ensure that samples collection on this lot of collection paper were screened appropriately and have worked with our printing company to make alternative cards available.

This recall affects cards with form numbers B914701-B991436 from lot number 161. Stop using these cards when new cards arrive and return the recalled cards to NSO via Purolator.

Diagram illustrating the layout of a newborn screening card. The card features five dashed circles for blood collection. Below the circles, the text reads: "COMPLETELY FILL ALL CIRCLES WITH BLOOD". To the right of the circles, the text reads: "903TM LOT 7061810/W161". Below the circles, there is a barcode and the form number "B914701" (circled in red). To the right of the barcode, there is a small box labeled "SN". To the right of the "SN" box, there is a clock icon and the date "2019-11-30".

Ordering new cards

New cards are available now to order from VWR, using the normal procedure. Please only order enough cards to last for the next 2 months, to ensure there is enough stock to replace all recalled cards. Another batch of cards will be released in early summer.

CCHD phase 1 sites

These cards do not yet contain the CCHD results page. Phase 1 CCHD sites should receive a call or email from the CCHD team about accessing new cards with CCHD result pages. Please send any questions about the CCHD portion of the card to nsocchd@cheo.on.ca.

We thank you all for your involvement in the success of this screening program. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.