

Newborn Screening Follow-up Contacting the Primary Care Provider

The timely delivery of abnormal newborn screening test results to the primary care provider (PCV) is of the utmost importance in the successful outcome of the baby's health. Occasionally, the information regarding the PCP on the newborn screening specimen collection form is not helpful in getting the abnormal test results to the correct PCP. When those situations occur, the following guidelines may be of assistance in expediting locating and notifying the correct PCP.

Full term infants

- It is recommended that the hospital coordinator be contacted. This person should know how to obtain the information through the hospital system. This could include medical records, laboratory or nursing staff, etc.
- For those hospitals without established newborn screening coordinators, the following order of contacting should be applied:
 1. Contact the hospital nursery/laboratory staff
 2. Contact the hospital medical records department
 3. Contact the Parents
 4. Contact local public health departments
 5. Other possibilities
 - Birth certificate matching
 - Contacting the office of the obstetrician who was responsible for the delivery



Neonatal Intensive Care Units

- The primary recommendation is to give the results to the neonatologist on service at the time of the call, even though this person may not be named on the screening form.
- Should the on service neonatologist be unavailable, abnormal test results can be given to the NICU nurse. Follow up with the neonatologist to confirm the knowledge of the test results should be made.

Information provided to PCP

When the PCP is contacted, it is recommended that the following information be given:

Baby's name	Mothers name
Test result	Likely disorder
Consultant/specialist	Repeat testing recommendations