

September 21, 2023

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CITY, ON

RE: [REDACTED]

Reference #: T-XXXXXX

DOB: [REDACTED]

Health Card #: [REDACTED]

Newborn Screening Ontario (NSO) has been notified that a sample for newborn screening has not been received for your baby.

According to our records, no sample has been received for your baby. We do not know if this is because:

1. it has not yet been taken for your baby,
OR
2. you declined newborn screening,
OR
3. a sample was taken but has not yet been delivered to NSO.

We are sending you this letter to make sure you know that your baby has not had a newborn screening test. If you have declined newborn screening, please disregard this letter.

What is newborn screening?

Using a heel prick test, a small amount of blood is collected from all babies shortly after birth. This blood is sent to Newborn Screening Ontario where it is tested for rare, treatable diseases. With these diseases, early diagnosis is the key to effective treatment. Early detection of the diseases through newborn screening prevents serious health problems and can save lives.

Newborn screening is not mandatory. It is considered the standard of care for every baby and is highly recommended. Newborn screening is the only way to find babies with these diseases early enough to prevent serious, long-term health problems. Additional information can be found in the enclosed pamphlet and [at www.newbornscreening.on.ca](http://www.newbornscreening.on.ca).

Who should I contact to have a sample taken?

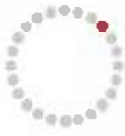
The hospital / midwifery practice that took care of your baby's delivery is responsible for making sure your baby has a newborn screen. TEST HOSPITAL was notified by NSO that a sample had not been received for your baby. Please contact the postpartum / mother-baby floor at the hospital where your baby was born, or your midwife, so they can help arrange for the newborn screen. The newborn screen needs to be taken on a special filter paper that is NOT available at most community blood laboratories. For this reason, most babies will have to go back to the hospital where they were born for their sample.

If you or your baby's health care provider (doctor / nurse practitioner / midwife) have questions about this letter you can contact Newborn Screening Ontario at 1-877-627-8330.

cc: TEST HOSPITAL

Fax:





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To: TEST HOSPITAL **From:** NAME x 3484
Fax: **Pages:** 2 (including cover page)
Re: Potential Missed Newborn Screen **Date:** September 21, 2023

URGENT PLEASE COMMENT x FOR REVIEW PLEASE REPLY

Hello,

Please see the attached letter on which you have been cc'ed.

Thank you,

Newborn Screening Ontario

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