



Newborn Screening Bulletin 2015-10

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NEW: SATURDAY REPORTING

The Toronto Star article this past spring highlighted the risk of delayed diagnoses from newborn screening. Birth hospitals and midwifery practices across the province have worked hard to minimize the amount of time between sample collection and arrival at NSO.

In order to further improve timeliness, NSO is now reviewing results on the weekend to minimize the chance that a child with an “aggressive” metabolic or endocrine disease will experience a delayed diagnosis. This means that any provocative results will be reported out on Saturday, instead of waiting until Monday.

What this means for birth hospitals and midwifery practices:

- You will receive a call for any missing information on the requisition form for samples received on Fridays. As always, we ask that birth hospitals and midwifery practices ensure all fields on the requisition form are complete prior to sending the sample to NSO.
- No changes to sample collection and pickup at this time.
- Results will be reported directly to designated specialists, the same as any other day of the week.