



Newborn Screening Bulletin 2016-12

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NEWBORN SCREENING BLOOD SPOT COLLECTION CARDS

Newborn Screening Ontario (NSO) is updating the design and layout of the blood spot collection cards. The new version of the card will be available in the new year and reflects feedback from hospitals and midwifery practices. Changes are also necessary to prepare for the collection of information related to Critical Congenital Heart Disease (CCHD) screening, which will be added to the card later in 2017.

Current Quantity of Newborn Screening Cards:

New cards will be in stock early in the new year. There is currently a one-month supply of the current newborn screening cards at our distribution centre, and NSO has reserve stock as well. However, our records indicate that there is more than a **six-month supply** of cards that have already been distributed to sites, and not yet used. Please take stock of your newborn screening cards. If you have more than a two month supply, please return the extra cards to NSO for re-distribution. If you need to order more newborn screening cards, please consider ordering a smaller number until the new version of the card is released.

Please contact us at newbornscreening@cheo.on.ca if you have any questions.

Thank you for your continued work to ensure Ontario's newborn screening program is successful.