



Newborn Screening Bulletin 2018-3

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Dear Newborn Screening Partner,

Newborn Screening Ontario is continuously striving to deliver high quality and timely services. In our efforts to optimize delivery of blood spots to the NSO lab, we have been developing a **web-based shipment tracking system, called Track-Kit**. The system allows submitters and NSO to track the status of shipments, at a sample level, from your site through to receipt at the Newborn Screening Lab.

Track-Kit has been in operation as a pilot project at 8 hospitals and midwifery practice groups since summer of 2017. Those submitters have been able to use the system to track their shipments, and have been instrumental in helping to refine the system. We are pleased to report that we are implementing the next round of system enhancements in the next 2 months, and will then be ready to begin roll-out throughout the province.

The new system is designed to complement your existing workflow, and eliminate the need to use manual tracking logs. Furthermore, the system includes an automatic link with Purolator (or other future shipping service if required) so that the shipping process will become less cumbersome. Track-Kit will generate a shipping label and can initiate Purolator pick-ups, so there is no need to contact Purolator directly.

We will begin scheduling new sites to go live on Track-Kit beginning this Spring. Come September, we will begin to roll out the system, with the goal of having all sites on board by March 2019. Implementation of the system is not expected to be difficult, and there will also be some site specific settings that we can adjust to suit your site's needs and workflow. More details to follow in the coming months.

Please feel free to contact Jim Bottomley, Project Manager at NSO (Tel: 613-737-7600 ext. 3459, Bottomley@cheo.on.ca) to discuss this further, or to indicate when you'd like to start using Track-Kit.

Thank you for your continued involvement in ensuring every newborn in Ontario receives newborn screening.