



Newborn Screening Bulletin 2018-5

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CHANGES TO THE NEWBORN SCREENING BLOOD COLLECTION CARD

A new lot of newborn screening cards are being distributed by VWR. In response to your questions and feedback, we have removed the AM/PM circles from the time of birth and time of sample collection fields. **Please always use the 24 hour clock for time of birth and time of sample collection.**

Y	Y	M	M	D	D
Date of Birth					
H	H	M	M		
Time of Birth					
Y	Y	M	M	D	D
Date of Collection					
H	H	M	M		
Time of Collection					

FALL NEWBORN SCREENING EDUCATION SERIES

NSO is pleased to announce that we will be offering free newborn screening education workshops in Ottawa, Toronto, Hamilton, Sudbury, and Thunder Bay in October and November. Check out our [website](#) for more details.

NEWBORN SCREENING MONTH

September is newborn screening awareness month! Follow us on Twitter at [@NBS_Ontario](#) to learn more about newborn screening.

CCHD PULSE

CCHD screening is live across Ontario!

A few helpful reminders:

- Ensure demographics and screening results are accurate
- Use the NSO CCHD chart or algorithm to evaluate results
- Screen using the RIGHT hand and either foot (if an IV/saline lock is in the right hand, the screen should be done when the right hand is available)
- If the CCHD results are recorded on a different form than the blood specimen, please ONLY send NSO the yellow CCHD card
- If an infant requires a repeat blood spot for newborn screening, do NOT repeat the CCHD screen



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CCHD PULSE Continued...

For NICU infants:

- Do NOT screen if the expected length of stay is over 7 days
- If the expected length of stay is less than 7 days and the infant has normal vital signs, no assisted ventilation, no supplemental oxygen, and an accessible right hand, SCREEN the infant.

For more CCHD screening information and resources, please visit the NSO website or send questions to NSOCCHD@cheo.on.ca.

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

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