



## Newborn Screening Bulletin 2020-7

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### Newborn Screening Requisition Completion

- NSO has observed a recent increase in the number of phone calls needed due to missing Ordering Health Care Provider and incorrect completion of the PRBC Transfusion field (Y/N) on the requisition portion of the newborn screening collection card. A reminder that the name of the Ordering Health Care Provider (midwife or physician) is *required* on the card. NSO phones the hospital or midwifery practice when key fields on the newborn screening card are missing or incomplete, which is time consuming and can result in unnecessary delays in the screening process.
- Please ensure all fields are completed accurately when filling in the newborn screening card and take a moment to look over the requisition for completeness before sending it in. More information on newborn screening card completion can be found in Sections 3.5 and 3.6 in the [Newborn Screening Manual](#). If you are interested in more information about screening form completion at your organization, please see the Requisition Completeness Indicator on your organization's Newborn Screening Report Card and this [accompanying section](#) on the NSO website.

### Expired Newborn Screening Cards

- A batch of dried blood spot collection cards will expire on September 30, 2020. Please check your stock and ensure that your order more if necessary. The expiry date is indicated in the uppermost right corner of the card.

### Scheduling Pickups

- As a result of increased COVID-19 related e-commerce and online shopping, Purolator continues to experience higher than normal shipping volumes. To ensure that you are able to secure same day courier service, we suggest that you make your request for package pick up as early in the day as possible, preferably before noon.

### CCHD Reminders

- NSO has a limited budget to assist with the replenishment of consumables used in CCHD screening (probes and wraps). Each hospital and midwifery program will be able to receive 1 reusable probe (and disposable wraps) or 1 box of disposable probes for each pulse oximeter supplied. Please note there is a change in process for Masimo equipment sites. For more information please visit the [NSO website](#).
- Please ensure the submitter information on the CCHD form is accurate and reflects the screening organization. For example, if the screen is completed by a midwife, the midwifery practice should be indicated on the form (and not the hospital). This is important for follow-up and tracking purposes.
- Thank you for completing the CCHD forms properly, including date and time of screen, values, and evaluation. If pulse oximetry screening is not done, please indicate the reason. If the dried blood spot is a repeat and the CCHD screen is therefore not necessary, we ask that you please check the "repeat" box.

**Please contact us if you have any questions about the information contained in this bulletin. We hope that you all had a wonderful summer and thank you for your continued dedication to newborn screening.**

