



Bulletin #78
March 19, 2014

1) **Ordering health care provider for newborn screens:**

As mentioned in bulletin #72 (Nov 28, 2013), the 'ordering health care provider' field on the NSO requisition form is considered a mandatory field; this has always been a lab accreditation requirement however previously NSO has not rejected samples without this information.

NSO will now require this field to be completed because, shortly, newborn screening results will begin to be reported via the Ontario Laboratories Information System (OLIS). NSO will not be able to release results to OLIS without knowing which health care provider from your institution/practice is legally ordering the newborn screen.

Please be advised that you will be contacted by NSO for the name of the ordering health care provider, if it is not indicated on the requisition form.

2) **Save the date – Peterborough Newborn Screening Workshop May 8, 2014**

Please mark your calendars and let your colleagues know that Newborn Screening Ontario (NSO) will be hosting a one-day workshop at Peterborough Regional Health Centre for newborn screening sample submitters.

If you would like to register, please access the free online registration here:

<http://peterboroughnbs.eventbrite.ca>

Goals of workshop: To provide the knowledge and skills needed to ensure that a successful newborn screen is completed for every baby in your institution/practice.

Cost: Registration is free. Lunch and a coffee break will be provided. Please note that NSO is not able to reimburse travel or parking costs. Attendance certificates will be provided.

Who should attend? The target audience includes anyone involved in the newborn screening process. This may include nurses, midwives, laboratory personnel, clerks and physicians.

We hope to see you in Peterborough in May!

Sincerely,

The NSO Team

