



## Bulletin #86

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### **Cards Expiring**

There is a batch of cards that will be expiring **November 30, 2014**. Please check your stock and ensure that after this date you no longer use these cards for collection. Unused cards can be sent back to NSO. Cards where the sample is collected before the expiry date but received at NSO after the expiry date will still be tested, but NSO will alert you that we received expired cards.

### **Preparing for December**

Every year, numerous babies experience delayed newborn screening over the Christmas / New Year's period.

There are steps that can help minimize these delays, particularly by not batching samples collected before Christmas, with those that are collected after Christmas.

In December, NSO will send out more detailed information about the holiday period; however we ask that in advance of this, you ensure adequate stock of blood dot collection cards and parent information pamphlets, as well as planning internal education to reinforce timely newborn screen collection and shipping.

### **Toronto NBS Workshop**

Save the date! The next newborn screening workshop will be **February 5, 2015** at Sunnybrook Hospital. More information will be sent out next week.