



# CT Newborn Screening Program Final Reports



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**New!! Changes in our system now allow the CT Newborn Screening (NBS) Program to automatically fax the newborn screening final report directly to the primary care provider practice that is identified by the parent at the time of birth**

- Effective February 21, 2020, your office will receive a copy of the final newborn screening report by fax for every infant whose parent has identified your office as the primary care provider's practice at the time of birth.
- It is no-longer routinely necessary to fax/email requests for final reports to the CT NBS Program for infants born after February 21, 2020.
- Please contact the CT NBS Follow-up Unit at 860-920-6628, if you do not receive a copy of a report for a newborn in your practice by the time that infant is two weeks of age.
- If you have clinical concerns about an infant and need a preliminary report of NBS results prior to two weeks of age, please call the CT NBS Follow-up Unit at 860-920-6628.
- The birthing center/NICU submitting the NBS specimen will continue to receive a copy of the final NBS report.
- The CT NBS Program at the State Laboratory does not screen for Cystic Fibrosis. You will need to continue to contact the UCONN and Yale CF laboratories for these results.

## **Important:**

- CT State Statutes and DPH regulations require anyone providing medical care to an infant 28 days of age or younger to obtain a newborn screening blood-spot specimen. It is essential to know the NBS status of all newborns followed by your practice, and if not already done by the birthing center or midwife, to collect and submit a heel-stick specimen to the state laboratory for screening as soon as possible.
- NBS reports are faxed through our automated system primarily at night; it is important that your office fax machine remains powered-on outside of regular business hours.
- Newborn screening bloodspot specimens are submitted by birth hospitals under the mother's last name. When matching a newborn screening report to a patient in your office medical record system, be aware that the baby may be registered with your practice under a name that differs from what appears on the report. Mother's name, address and home phone number all appear on the newborn screening report to assist you with identifying the child.
- You may occasionally receive a report on an infant that may still be in the hospital and whose parent has not scheduled an appointment with your practice yet.
- Please share this information with your office's medical providers, newborn screening coordinator, nursing staff, medical assisting staff, medical records staff, and staff who handle incoming faxes.

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