Newborn Bloodspot Screening

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Newborn bloodspot screening

Testing infants for serious but treatable conditions that may not be clinically evident in the first few days or weeks of life & that can lead to

disability or death



Provider

- Takes a small blood sample
- Sends it to newborn bloodspot screening program

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- Runs two screening tests
- Sends all results to provider
- Sends abnormal results to OHSU specialists
- Tracks cases

Provider

- Consults with parents & specialists
- Conducts diagnostic tests
- Starts appropriate treatments

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Oregon Newborn Bloodspot Screening

Law requires newborn screening

Law accepts religious exemptions

Law ensures fee waivers if unable to pay

Lab conducts screening for others

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Newborn Bloodspot Screening Programs

- Education and client services
- Collection kit management and collection instructions
- Initial screening and second-tier testing, and result reporting
- Follow-up, case management, and diagnostic testing coordination
- Quality assurance
- Data systems and data management
- Expert medical consultation



NWRNBS Advisory Board

- 2019 legislation formed the Northwest Regional Newborn Bloodspot Screening Advisory Board.
- Board advises the program, providing advocacy, advice, recommendations for the addition and removal of disorders to the Oregon panel, and shares their technical expertise.
- The board provides reports to the Legislature.



NWRNBS Advisory Board Membership

- Affected individual/family member (1)
- Physician consultant to NWRNBS (1)
- Medicaid/insurance industry (1)
- Birthing center/hospital (2)
- NWRNBS contracting entity (1)
- Advocacy groups (3)
- Statewide nursing organization (1)
- Statewide midwifery organization (1)
- Statewide pediatric organization (2)



Thank You

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