

What if my baby has a condition?

Help and resources are available. Depending on the diagnosis, there are many treatments available such as medication, changes to your baby's diet, or corrective surgery.

What if I have other questions?

Contact your baby's health care provider. Additional information is available at:

newbornscreening.nj.gov

babysfirsttest.org



For more information:

For more information about the Newborn Screening Program, its record retention policy, and forms related to records, scan the QR code.



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Newborn Screening

*Screening Tests
That Could Save
Your Baby's Life*



What is Newborn Screening?

Newborn screening is a group of three separate screening tests that check for serious but treatable health conditions that are not obvious at birth. Testing usually happens between 24-48 hours after birth. The three screenings are:

Bloodspot Screening, since 1964

Hearing Screening, since 2001

Pulse Oximetry Screening, since 2011

Why does my baby need Newborn Screening tests?

Most babies are born healthy. But some babies may have a rare health problem that can't be seen right away. We test all babies so we can find these problems early and help prevent serious issues like disability or death.

Know your baby's results.

Before leaving the hospital, ask if your baby had the newborn screening tests. If you leave before your baby is 24 hours old, or if your baby was born or cared for outside of a hospital, talk to your baby's health care provider to make sure the testing is done.

Bring the parent copy of the bloodspot form (shown below) to your baby's first doctor visit.

BABY'S LAST NAME (PRINT)
XXXXXXXXXX

Instructions to Submitter:
After entering the newborn's name, remove this copy and give it to the parents of this newborn.

Parents,
Your baby has had his/her Newborn Screening blood test. This is an important public health service that can protect your baby. Infants may look healthy but have certain rare health problems which can be found by this test.
A small amount of blood was taken from your baby's heel and sent to the New Jersey Newborn Screening Laboratory for testing. The hospital has given you the brochure "These Tests Could Save Your Baby's Life." This brochure has more information about Newborn Screening.
Please take this notice to your baby's doctor, who can get a copy of the results by contacting the Newborn Screening Laboratory.
Por favor lleve esta carta al doctor de su bebé.



New Jersey
Department of Health
<http://www.newbornscreening.nj.gov>

PARENT COPY

How will my baby be tested?

The hearing test checks for hearing loss.

The results of these tests are available at the time the test is done.



The pulse oximetry test checks for Critical Congenital Heart Defects (CCHD).

The results of these tests are available at the time the test is done.



The bloodspot tests a small sample of blood to check if a baby is at risk for certain rare disorders. *The results of these tests are available a few days after the test is done.*



Make sure the hospital has the correct information for you and your baby

- Provide your correct address and phone number
- Provide your baby's health care provider information

What happens when my baby needs another test?

Your baby's health care provider, the hospital where your baby was born, or the State Newborn Screening Program will call or send a letter to explain the next steps.

- **Take your baby for repeat testing right away.**

Track your baby's Newborn Screening results.

Bloodspot Screening	Passed	Not Passed
	☐	☐

Hearing Screening	Passed	Not Passed
	☐	☐

Pulse Oximetry Screening	Passed	Not Passed
	☐	☐