# 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









#### For more information:

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



#### **Newborn Screening Laboratory**

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#### **Newborn Screening Follow Up**

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### **Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program**

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### **Critical Congenital Heart Defects Program**

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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

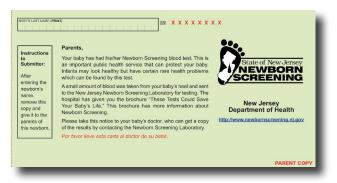
## Why does my baby need Newborn Screening tests?

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.



#### 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