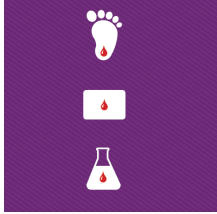


Newborn Screening: On the Spot



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GLS Reminders

We appreciate your patience in dealing with communication issues with GLS. We are happy to announce that there is now a dedicated phone line for midwives and other out of hospital Newborn Screening (NBS) providers. Call this line to ask general GLS questions, order envelopes and labels, set up a regular pick up or help arrange a one time pick-up. The phone number is **916-458-0930** and staff is available Monday through Friday, 7:30 am until 5:00 pm.

Please remember to double check your GLS drop box to make sure it is still active for pickup before dropping off a Newborn Screening envelope! You can go to [the GLS website](#) to confirm that the drop box is currently active before placing the NBS package inside. Confirming the drop box is active, having non-expired labels, using a log sheet and tracking your specimens through our state Online Specimen Tracking (OST) system will help ensure they arrive to our state designated lab for processing in a timely manner.

Expiring Test Request Forms

On August 31, 2022 the 33 million series Test Request Forms (TRFs) will expire and specimens collected using a form from this series will be inadequate. Please use up/discard the 33 million series forms by August 31, 2022 and if needed, allow your business enough time to order new forms.

This date is fast approaching so please be sure to use any 33 million series forms you still have in stock now and obtain the new forms for use prior to September 1, 2022.

Order the new /current (34 million series) TRF series [here](#).



Program Fee Increase

As of July 1, 2022 the cost for program participation in the Newborn Screening Program increased from \$176.25 to \$210. The separate \$1.00 fee for each Newborn Screening Test Request Form remains in place. Be sure to inform your clients about the current fee for the NBS test. Your practice will not be billed for service. Instead, families are sent information directly from the state. The bill for newborn screening results can be resolved by providing a copy of their insurance.

Did You Know?

For every birth attended in California a Test Request Form (TRF) is required by law to be submitted to the GLS courier for processing at the state lab. The form either provides the blood sample for newborn screening results or it can document the reason a specimen was not obtained. If the parent refuses the Newborn Screening test, the TRF is used to document this decision with the parent's signature. Please remember to always send us a TRF for every birth you attend.



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