Newborn Screening: On the Spot









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Quarterly Supply Shipments

If you are a facility that is expecting a September quarterly shipment of Newborn Screening supplies, they are on the way to you! Please make sure that we have the correct receiving department on file and/or the person for whom we should address the package attention to. We also ask that you review your test request form and purple booklet inventory as soon as possible and let us know if you need to change the quantity of items in your automatic shipments based on your birth panels. You can call or email us with your inventory request at 310-826-4458 or newbornscreening@mednet.ucla.edu

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/current 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. Please adjust your internal billing codes to accommodate this fee change.

Did You Know?

The state contracts with both Apollo and GLS courier services to transport newborn screening specimens to the state laboratories. Each courier provides a regular time window of about 3 hours to arrive at your facility to pick up the Newborn Screening Specimens. Make sure your Laboratory, Nursery and NICU staff are aware of this time frame. If you need clarification on your individual facility pickup time, please contact us or the courier. Knowing when the courier will likely pick up will allow for adequate time for send out and can help improve transit times!

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