

FOOTNOTES

S.C. DHEC NEWBORN SCREENING NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the new quarterly Newborn Screening newsletter. These publications will include helpful tips for specimen collection, submission, follow-up contact information for DHEC NBS staff, and an educational section on specific disorders found on the newborn screening panel. We hope you find these helpful as we constantly aim to improve screening of South Carolina newborns.

OUR BEST FOOT FORWARD

- First Time, Every Time regional hospital training in collaboration with the SCHA and DHEC lab was a success! There were six training workshops with good turnout from all S.C. hospitals. Participants were instructed how to collect a good blood spot correctly and important follow up procedures. Our hope is to have 0 percent unsatisfactory specimens, which will decrease the need for repeat specimens.
- The NBS lab is in the process of implementation of a new laboratory information management system, Specimen Gate. In this new system, healthcare providers will have electronic access to their patient's results. The expected launch date is early 2017.

SCHEDULE A COLLECTION

If your office or hospital doesn't collect the repeat newborn screening what should you do? Contact your local health department representative to schedule a collection appointment for your patient.

Lowcountry Region:

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Maternal Child Health
Program Manager
Office: (803) 759-3000

Pee Dee Region:

Kate McBride, RN MSN
Program Director
(843) 673-6562

Midlands Region:

Karen Revels
(803) 635-6481

Upstate Region: Ask for the Lab Department

Anderson: (864) 260-5541
Greenville: (864) 282-4100
Spartanburg: (864) 596-2227

CONTACT US. WE'RE HERE TO HELP!



Follow Up: (803) 898-0593



DHEC Lab: (803) 898-0593

Keep us on our toes. Please give us feedback on what you would like to see in our next Footnotes Edition. Email newbornscreening@dhec.sc.gov with your suggestions.

ON THE SPOT



The hospitals listed below had 0% unsatisfactory specimens for the 3rd quarter:

- Hilton Head Hospital
- Kershaw Health
- Newberry County Memorial Hospital
- Palmetto Health Baptist: Parkridge

ON THE RUN

DHEC Lab will be closed:

November 11 & 24, 2016
December 26, 2016

Note: Please do not delay mailing your specimens to the DHEC lab. There is someone to receive specimens daily regardless of lab closings.

Are you in need of newborn screening filter paper forms?

Contact Lab Supply at:
(803) 896-0913

Are you educating your parents about Newborn Screening? Visit our website at www.scdhec.gov/newbornmetabolicscreening to find our newborn screening brochure and educational handouts for parents and providers.

