



## SAVING LIVES WITH A SIMPLE BLOOD SPOT



NEWBORN SCREENING

Washington State Department of Health

# What is Newborn Screening?

Newborn screening is a public health system that detects infants with serious but treatable conditions that may not be apparent at birth.

There are 3 types of newborn screening programs:



**Blood-spot**



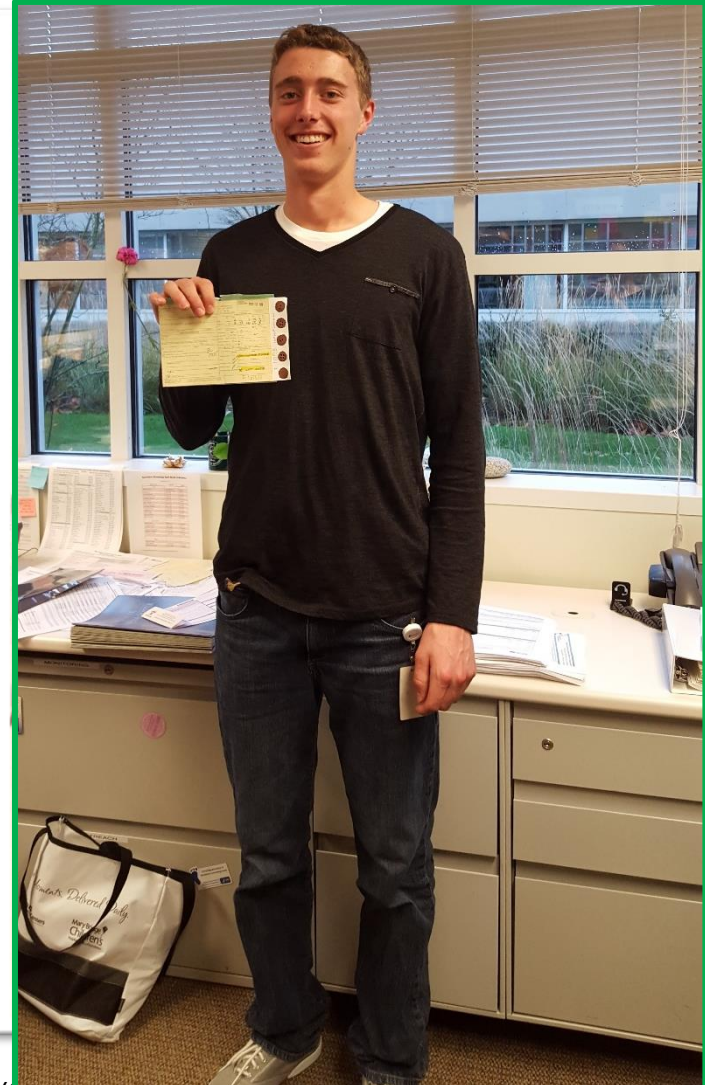
**Hearing**



**Pulse Oximetry**

# Why is Newborn Screening Important?

- It prevents death and disability for **thousands** of infants every year in the USA by providing early treatment
- The public benefits through savings in health care and disability support costs



Two 6 year old girls with congenital hypothyroidism  
Healthy 18 year old with CH, detected through  
Washington Newborn Screening as a baby



# Washington Screens for... 32 disorders!

Amino Acid Disorders (6)	Fatty Acid Oxidation Disorders (5)	Organic Acid Disorders (8)
<p>Phenylketonuria Homocystinuria Maple syrup urine disease Citrullinemia type I Argininosuccinic acidemia Tyrosinemia type I</p>	<p>Medium-chain acyl-CoA dehydrogenase deficiency Long-chain L-3-hydroxy acyl-CoA dehydrogenase deficiency Trifunctional protein deficiency Very long-chain acyl-CoA dehydrogenase deficiency Carnitine uptake defect</p>	<p>Isovaleric acidemia Glutaric acidemia type I Methylmalonic acidemias (CblA/B and MUT) Propionic acidemia Multiple carboxylase deficiency Beta-ketothiolase deficiency 3-hydroxy-3-methylglutaric aciduria</p>
Endocrine Disorders (2)	Lysosomal Storage Disorders (2)	Other Disorders (10)
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# Immediately Life Threatening Conditions

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Coming Soon!

## Screening for Ornithine Transcarbamylase Deficiency (OTCD)

Anticipate starting screening in Summer 2023  
(pending budget approval)

# Washington State Numbers



**84,000 newborns**

**165,000 specimens**



**12 million tests**



**We identify:**

**200 infants**

**every year who benefit  
from early diagnosis and  
treatment**

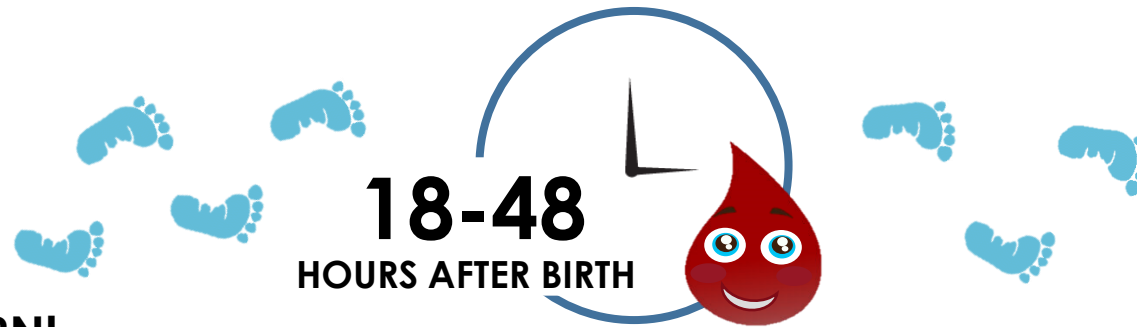
**1,300 infants with a  
hemoglobin trait (not disease)**



# WA Newborn Screening Process



**BABY IS BORN!**



**18-48**  
HOURS AFTER BIRTH

**Collect first specimen**

**Dry specimen**  
for 3 hours



**Transport specimen**  
to the State Lab  
ASAP!



**BEST PRACTICE**

**24**

**HOUR TRANSIT**

Results are mailed  
back to who  
submitted the  
specimen



At the Lab, punches are taken  
from the dried blood spots to  
test for each of the disorders



**Same day/next day results**



# What happens when a baby has abnormal results?

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Dedicated team ensures the baby gets the care they need

- Depends on what the results are and which condition is suspected

Can include:

- Ensure repeat specimen is submitted to resolve borderline results
- Facilitate prompt diagnostic testing and treatment for non life-threatening conditions
- Call baby's health care provider to check clinical status, recommend immediate evaluation and diagnostics for life-threatening conditions
- After confirmed diagnoses, ensure baby is linked into specialty care



# Specialty Care Partners

## Consultants:

- Seattle Children's Hospital
  - Endocrinologist
  - Pediatric Hematologist
  - Biochemical Geneticists
  - Immunologists
  - Pulmonologists
- Mary Bridge Children's
  - Biochemical Geneticists

## Community:

- Northwest Sickle Cell Collaborative

## Specialty Care Clinics:

- University of Washington
  - PKU Clinic
  - Congenital Hypothyroidism Developmental Evaluation Clinic
  - Neuropsych Evaluation Program
  - Biochemical Genetics Clinic
- Seattle Children's Hospital
  - Biochemical Genetics Clinic
  - Odessa Brown Sickle Cell Clinic
- Mary Bridge Sickle Cell Clinic

# How Much Does Screening Cost?

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- Fee for screening: \$119.30 as of August 7, 2020
- This one-time fee covers all newborn screens an infant receives in WA  
(No additional charge for 2nd or 3rd screens!)



- The Department of Health bills the facility that collected the baby's initial specimen
- The facility then bills the patient's insurance

# Quality Assurance & Development

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## Surveillance

- Ensure every baby in the state receives a valid newborn screen

## Education & Outreach

- Provide assistance to health care facilities
- Create educational materials
- Promote newborn screening in the community

## Tracking & Reporting

- Send quarterly reports to each facility about their performance in meeting newborn screening guidelines
  - Specimen Collection and Transit Timing Compliance
  - Specimen Quality
  - Demographic Errors



# 2020 WA State Disorder Summary

General	
Hospital, Birth Center & Home Births	84,529
Specimens Tested	159,922
Infants Diagnosed	
Amino Acid Disorders	9
Biotinidase Deficiency	2
Congenital Adrenal Hyperlasia	6
Congenital Hypothyroidism	108
Cystic Fibrosis	14
Fatty Acid Oxidation Disorders	7
Galactosemia	3
Organic Acid Disorders	0
Severe Combined Immunodeficiency	5
Sickle Cell Disease and Other Clinically Significant Hemoglobinopathies	14
X-linked Adrenoleukodystrophy	13
Lysosomal Storage Disorders	4
Spinal Muscular Atrophy	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>186</b>



~Thank you~

Together we protect the lives of  
Washington's youngest citizens.

