



# Washington State Board of Health

Update – Newborn Screening, Ornithine Transcarbamylase Deficiency  
(OTCD) Rulemaking

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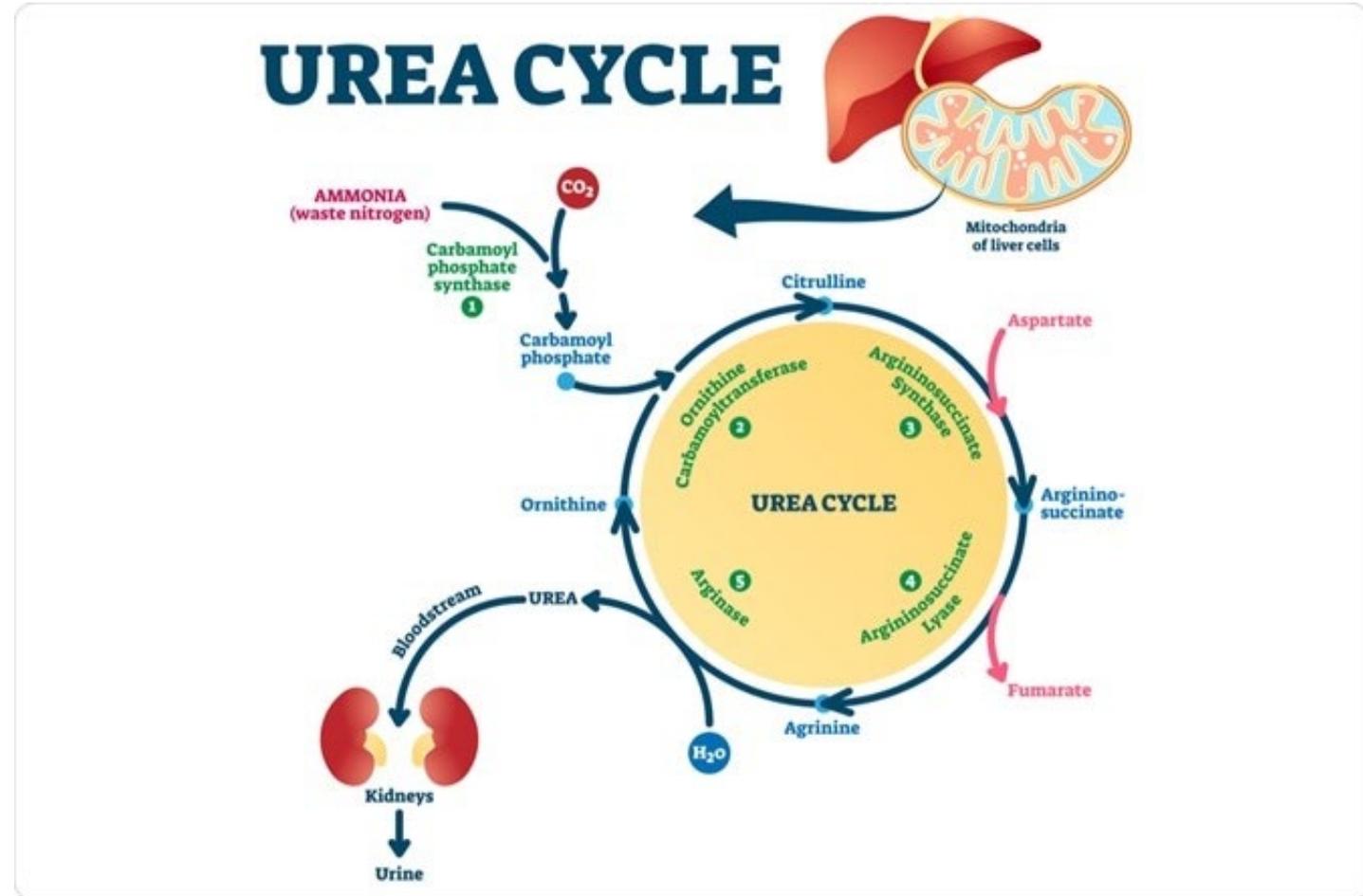
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# What is OTCD?

- An inherited urea cycle disorder
- Prevents the body's ability to get rid of ammonia
- High levels of ammonia are toxic to the brain and nervous system and can lead to:
  - Tiredness/Sluggishness
  - Sepsis-like symptoms
  - Comas
  - Developmental delays
  - Death



Source: News Medical, The Urea Cycle Step-by-Step

# OTCD as a Condition for Chapter 246-650 WAC

2020

- OTCD brought to the Board for consideration

2021

- Technical advisory committee (TAC) convened and voted to include OTCD as a condition for screening
- Board reviewed TAC recommendations and voted to proceed with rulemaking

2022

- CR-101 filed to initiate rulemaking
- Department submitted budget request to increase the newborn screening fee



# 2023 – Status of Funding Request and Next Steps

- Funding not included in the FY 2023-2025 Governor's, Senate, or House proposed budgets
- Legislative session is scheduled to end on April 23 – we will update the Board at that point
- Rulemaking to be put on hold until additional funding is available



# Questions?

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