Newborn Bloodspot Screening?

Every baby born in North Dakota is required by state law to complete the newborn bloodspot screening test, which is a simple blood test that identifies nearly 50 disorders. Babies with these disorders may look and act like a healthy newborn, but may have a medical condition that could cause serious illness, disability or death.

There is treatment available for the disorders screened and most babies who are identified early can grow up to be healthy.

To see a complete listing of all the conditions included on the newborn screening panel, visit the North Dakota Newborn Screening Program website.

NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Call or visit the North Dakota Newborn Screening Program for more information.

1.800.472.2286  |  701.328.4532  |  ndhealth.gov/newbornscreening

Newborn Bloodspot Screening, Step-by-Step?

24-48 hours after birth, a blood spot screening is done to check your baby's health.

A few drops of blood are taken from baby's heel and placed on a blood spot card and sent to a State Lab for testing.

NORMAL RESULTS
Everything looks ok, the results are sent to your baby's health care provider. Ask for your baby's results at the first newborn visit!

ABNORMAL RESULTS
If there might be a problem, the lab will call your baby's health care provider. Screening can only tell if your baby MIGHT have a health problem; we won't know for sure until your baby has more testing. Your baby's health care provider will talk to you about what needs to happen next.

BY LAW, newborn screening is required, however, you may refuse the testing by completing a refusal form, which can be found on the Newborn Screening Program website.

A Keepsake for You & Your Baby

Baby’s Name

Baby’s Due Date

Date of Birth

Mother’s Health Care Provider

Baby’s First Photo

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No research will be done on your baby’s blood spot without your written consent.

Each spot is smaller than the size of a dime.