

UCHSC Expanded Newborn Screening Program

Getting the Test

The optimal time to collect the required specimen (dried blood spots) is between 24 and 48 hours of life. The test is most sensitive when done during the first week of life. We do not recommend this test for infants older than two months.

If your birthing hospital does not currently offer Expanded Newborn Screening, you can contact the UCHSC Biochemical Genetics Laboratory (see below) to obtain a screening kit to bring to the hospital at the time of delivery.

After the newborn screening sample is drawn, it will need two to four hours to dry. It is important that you mail the newborn screening sample to the laboratory as soon as possible.

Please remember to include:

1. Date of birth of your baby.
2. Date the sample was taken.
3. Name and phone number of your pediatrician.
4. \$25 Cash or check (payable to "UCDHSC Biochemical Genetics").
5. Be sure to affix one first class postage stamp before mailing via U.S. Postal Service.

For questions, information or screening kits, contact:

Robert Binard or Mike Wootner
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Phone: (303) 724-3826
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mike.wootner@uchsc.edu

Information Online: www.uchsc.edu/newbornscreening

Send specimen cards to:

Domestic Mail (via U.S. Postal Service):

UCDHSC Biochemical Genetics Laboratory
Mail Stop 8313
P.O. Box 6511
Aurora, CO 80045

International (ship via DHL, UPS, FedEx, etc.):

UCDHSC Biochemical Genetics Laboratory
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12800 E. 19th Av.
Aurora, CO 80045 U.S.A.