

CONGENITAL CYTOMEGALOVIRUS (CCMV)

Cytomegalovirus (CMV) is a common viral infection that can be passed from mother to baby during pregnancy.

When a newborn is infected with CMV before birth, the baby has congenital CMV (cCMV). Most babies born with cCMV do not have any symptoms, but some with cCMV may have symptoms at birth or may develop symptoms months or years later. Symptoms of a cCMV infection may include hearing loss, or problems with eyesight.

Iowa law requires health care providers to test newborns for cCMV if the baby does not pass their newborn hearing screening because one symptom of cCMV is hearing loss.

Your baby's health care provider will take a sample of your baby's saliva or urine and send it to a laboratory for testing for CMV. Once testing is complete, your baby's health care provider will discuss the results with you.

Dried Blood Spot

PASS DID NOT PASS

Follow-up Appointment

Critical Congenital Heart Disease (CCHD)

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Follow-up Appointment

Hearing Screening

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Follow-up Appointment

Congenital Cytomegalovirus (cCMV)

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CONTACT INFORMATION

Iowa HHS

Newborn Screening Program

1-833-496-8040

Iowa Newborn Bloodspot Screening Follow-Up Program

1-866-890-5965

or 319-384-5097



IOWA NEWBORN

Screening Program



IOWA NEWBORN SCREENING

Newborn screening is a way to identify babies who may have serious medical conditions. These conditions are often treatable, but may not be visible at birth. Early treatment of these conditions can prevent against more serious illness, disability or death.

Newborn screening tests include:

- Dried Blood Spot Screening (Genetic or Congenital Disorders)
- Critical Congenital Heart Disease (CCHD)
- Hearing Screening
- Congenital Cytomegalovirus (cCMV)

Newborn screening does NOT include drug testing of the newborn. State law requires that newborns receive the screens listed above, unless the parent or guardian refuses.



Visit the Newborn Screening Program website to find information on all tests included in the screenings.

hhs.iowa.gov/newbornscreening

If your baby does not pass a newborn screen, it is crucial that you follow-up as recommended. Early detection and intervention will result in the best possible outcome for your baby.



DRIED BLOOD SPOT

What is the screen looking for?

The dried blood spot screening looks for a variety of genetic and congenital or inherited disorders.

How is the screen done?

A few drops of blood are taken from your baby's heel and put on a special paper. The state public health laboratory then does the testing.

How will I find out the results?

The Newborn Screening Program will notify your baby's health care provider. If there is an abnormal result, you will get a call letting you know the next steps. Ask about your baby's dried blood spot screening results at your first well child check.

What if my baby does not pass?

Don't panic! If you get a call from your baby's health care provider, it does not always mean your baby has one of these medical conditions. It is important to take your baby for repeat testing as soon as possible.

What happens to the blood after screening?

Left-over blood specimens may be available for additional testing if your baby should need it. It may also be used by the newborn screening laboratory to ensure quality testing and to improve newborn screening results.

Your baby's left-over blood spots are never released to anyone without parent or guardian consent. If you do not want your baby's blood spots stored after the newborn screening testing is complete, you may call the Iowa Newborn Screening Program at 1-833-496-8040.

HEARING

What is the screen looking for?

The hearing screen is a quick and effective way to determine if your baby can hear sounds needed to learn spoken language.

How is the screen done?

Hearing screening is safe, will not hurt your baby, and can be done in less than 10 minutes. There are two types of screens done for hearing loss depending on the equipment available to the hospital or local audiologist, automated auditory brainstem response test (AABR) and oto-acoustic emissions (OAE) screening. Neither test will make your baby uncomfortable, and they are often done while your baby is asleep.

How will I find out the results?

A health care provider/audiologist will talk with you about the results of your baby's screening. Please make sure you tell your provider the name of your baby's primary care provider so they can send them the results. Even if your baby passed their initial hearing screen, please talk to your provider about any hearing or language concerns you may have.

What if my baby does not pass?

If your baby does not pass or is missed at the birth screen, make sure he or she is screened as soon as possible. Please take your baby back to the birth hospital or audiologist for a hearing screen within two weeks.

It is important to identify hearing differences quickly, because babies whose hearing differences are not found early may have a hard time learning spoken language. Simply watching your baby startle or respond to sound is not a substitute for a formal hearing screen.

CRITICAL CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE (CCHD)

What is the screen looking for?

The CCHD screen uses a pulse oximeter to look for low levels of oxygen in the blood that may indicate a problem with the heart. Critical congenital heart disease occurs when a baby's heart does not develop normally.

How is the screen done?

Pulse oximetry is fast, simple and accurate. It can be used on babies soon after they are born. Hospital nursery staff will do the screening when the baby is at least 24 hours old. A small sensor is placed on the baby's right hand and left foot allowing a connected device to measure the baby's oxygen level.

How will I find out the results?

Your baby's doctor or a nurse will tell you the results of the pulse oximetry newborn screen.

What if my baby does not pass?

Your baby will not pass if they have low levels of oxygen in their blood.

At this point, a complete physical examination may be completed to determine why your baby did not pass the screen. There may be several reasons, including respiratory problems or infections.