

## New Hampshire State Policies

**Storage:** The blood sample is kept in a secure location for six months after the baby has been tested. After that, the sample is destroyed.

**Ownership:** Authorization to use the remaining blood sample for any other purpose is only with the written consent of a parent or guardian.



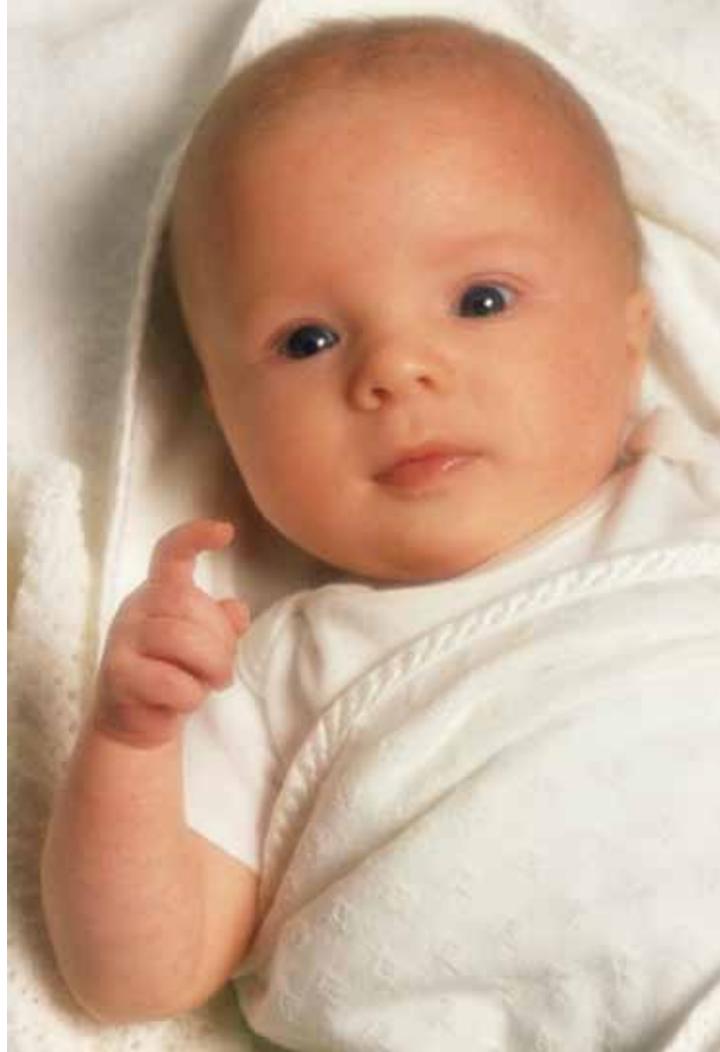
There may be other test besides those required in your state.

More helpful information is available by contacting:

The National Newborn Screening and  
Genetics Resource Center  
512/454-6419  
<http://genes-r-us.uthscsa.edu>

or

NH Department of Health & Human Services  
Division of Public Health Services  
Maternal & Child Health Section  
**New Hampshire Newborn Screening Program**  
29 Hazen Drive  
Concord, NH 03301  
603-271-4225  
1-800-852-3345 ext. 4225



# Newborn Screening Tests

**These test could save  
your baby's life.**

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## Why does my baby need newborn screening tests?

- Most babies are healthy when they are born.
- We test all babies because a few babies look healthy but have a rare health problem.
- If we find problems early, we can help prevent serious problems like mental retardation or death.

## How will my baby be tested?

- Before you leave the hospital, a nurse will take a few drops of blood from your baby's heel.
- The hospital will send the blood samples to a newborn screening lab.

## How will I get the results of the test?

- Parents are notified of the test results if there is a problem.
- Ask about results when you see your baby's health professional.



## Why do some babies need to be retested?

- Your baby may be retested if you leave the hospital before 24 hours.
- Some States require a second test on all babies.
- Some babies need to be retested because there is a problem with the blood sample.
- A few babies need to be retested because the first test showed a possible health problem.

## What if my baby needs to be retested?

- Your baby's health professional or the State Health Department will contact you if your baby needs to be retested. They will tell you why the baby needs to be retested and what to do next.
- If your baby needs to be retested, get it done right away.
- Make sure that your hospital and health professional have your correct address and phone number.

## What if I have questions?

- Ask your baby's health professional if you have questions or concerns.

