



Special Situations when Following Up essentials

Remember

- We're not finished following up until all the necessary actions are done.

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Staff Education



Following Up



Finding the Family

Clinical Policy Suite

Newborn Blood Spot Screening Follow-up Procedure

IF . . .

THEN . . .

the family hasn't refused newborn blood spot screening but has not booked and/or shown up for a newborn blood spot screen **three times**

- talk to your zone designate for advice about what to do
- let the infant's physician or midwife know that the family didn't refuse newborn blood spot screening but didn't book and/or show up for a newborn blood spot screen
- document in the infant's health record that the family didn't refuse newborn blood spot screening but didn't book and/or show up for a newborn blood spot screen
- communicate these actions to the Alberta Newborn Screening Program (ANSP)

the infant has **moved out of Alberta** and needs blood spots collected again for


- borderline result
- inadequate result
- weighed less than 2000 grams at birth
- less than 37 weeks gestational age at birth

- let the agency responsible for following up on newborn blood spot screening where the infant lives now know that the infant moved out of Alberta and the reason the infant needs blood spots collected again
 - borderline result
 - inadequate result
 - weighed less than 2000 grams at birth
 - less than 37 weeks gestational age at birth
- document in the infant's health record that you communicated this to the agency responsible for following up on newborn blood spot screening where the infant lives now
- communicate these actions to the ANSP

the infant **has moved out of Alberta** and the Alberta Newborn Screening Lab didn't get the infant's blood spot card

- let the agency responsible for following up on newborn blood spot screening where the infant lives now know that the infant moved out of Alberta and needs newborn blood spot screening
- document in the infant's health record that you communicated this to the agency responsible for following up on newborn blood spot screening where the infant lives now
- communicate these actions to the ANSP

the infant is one of a **multiple birth set** and has a borderline result

- arrange to collect blood spots again from all infants in the birth set according to your zone's practices within 96 hours of the notification generation date (with the notification generation date counting as the first day) 
 - genetics of one infant in the birth set can affect the screen results of others in the birth set
- document your actions in the infants' health records
- communicate these actions to the ANSP

