



# Following Up show what you know

## What happens after an infant's blood spots are collected, transported and analyzed?

Once the Alberta Newborn Screening Lab looks at the infant's personal information and analyzes the blood spots, a series of steps by many different staff members begins that makes sure we screen every infant, every time.

Different kinds of situations involving newborn blood spot screening within the Alberta Newborn Screening Program (ANSP) are followed up on in different ways. Infants may need to have blood spots collected or be referred for clinical assessment and diagnostic testing.

## For more information

visit [www.ahs.ca/newbornscreening](http://www.ahs.ca/newbornscreening)

### Staff Education

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### Clinical Policy Suite

- Newborn Blood Spot Screening Policy
- Newborn Blood Spot Screening Follow-up Procedure

### 1. True or false

When arranging to collect the blood spots we should call the family at least five times by telephone \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Put the steps in order for finding out if the blood spots need to be collected (by numbering one to five)

communicate your actions to the Alberta Newborn Screening Program \_\_\_\_\_

document your actions in the infant's health record \_\_\_\_\_

arrange to have the blood spots collected again if the Alberta Newborn Screening Lab did not receive the blood spot card \_\_\_\_\_

wait for enough time (2-3 days) for the blood spot card to reach the Alberta Newborn Screening Lab \_\_\_\_\_

check data sources to see if the blood spots were collected \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Put the steps in order for infants who need blood spots collected or collected again (by numbering one to five)

document your actions in the infant's health record \_\_\_\_\_

communicate your actions to the ANSP \_\_\_\_\_

find the infant \_\_\_\_\_

arrange to collect the blood spots or collect the blood spots again \_\_\_\_\_

talk with the parent about collecting the blood spots (consent process) \_\_\_\_\_



**4. Draw arrows to match the scenario with the correct response.**

the infant has moved out of Alberta and has a borderline result

collect blood spots again from all infants in the birth set

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

let the agency responsible for following up on newborn blood spot screening know

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

talk to your zone designate for advice about what to do

*See answers on next page*



**ANSWERS**

1. False When arranging to collect the blood spots we should call the family – make **three** telephone calls on different days at different times of day
2. 5 – 4 – 3 – 2 – 1
3. 3 – 5 – 4 – 1 – 2
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