

Date: July 17, 2012

To: All Zones
Physicians, Nurses and Laboratory Directors and Managers

From: AHS Laboratory Services – Newborn Metabolic Screening Program

Re: Downtime Procedure for Newborn Metabolic Screening

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URGENT UPDATE JULY 17, 2012

URGENT COMMUNICATION: Downtime Procedure for Newborn Metabolic Screening (*original communication sent 13 July 2012 posted on the AHS Laboratory Services website at: <http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/3290.asp>*)

Continue to process all Newborn Metabolic Screening requisitions as priority samples.

As of 16 July 2012, the Person Directory (PD) and the Newborn Metabolic Screening (NMS) application have both been fully restored. Infants can now be registered in PD after birth and their newborn metabolic screening status can be tracked in the NMS application. Most infant registrations from the downtime period have been completed and Unique Lifetime Identifiers (ULI) should now be available for all infants.

If a ULI is not available as operations return to normal OR if a ULI is unavailable at any point, please continue with the following procedure

Collections without a ULI

- **Do not delay collection** of a Newborn Metabolic Screening sample
- Write "**ULI unavailable**" in the ULI field on the Newborn Metabolic Screening requisition
- Write the **medical record number (MRN)** in the chart number field on the Newborn Metabolic Screening requisition

Contact the NMS Program for more information at:

- Phone 403-476-2679
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This bulletin has been reviewed and approved by Dr. Martin Somerville, AHS Medical/Scientific Director, Genetic Laboratory Services