



Newborn Screening Bulletin 2023-5

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June Education: Dried Blood Spot Sample Collection Resources

NSO has created a one-page [dried blood spot collection tip sheet](#), now available on our website under [Submitter Resources](#), that you can use as a resource at the bedside and/or for training purposes. These steps are outlined in greater detail in our [submitter manual](#).

We have also updated the [sample collection FAQ](#) on our website, including questions about transfusions, total parenteral nutrition, sample collection timing, and more. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions!

Out of Country Results Requests

We have recently received multiple requests from families to have their results sent to a health care provider outside of Canada. Unfortunately, some of these families have been told that this is something we can provide for them. Due to privacy reasons NSO cannot send newborn screen results outside of Canada. It is recommended that families contact their birth hospital to obtain a copy of their infant's records.

As a reminder, all families that are inquiring about the results for their baby's newborn screen can visit our website: <https://www.newbornscreening.on.ca/en/screening-results/request-screening-results>
This link includes helpful instructions about what type of requests we can fulfill.

Reminder: Ordering Dried Blood Spot Cards and Infant Stool Colour Cards

Thank you for your hard work over the last few months to integrate the distribution of infant stool colour cards within your organization's newborn screening processes. We are excited to report that all submitters in Ontario are now distributing the infant stool colour cards (ISCC)! As screening for biliary atresia across the province is now the standard of care, it is important to keep an inventory of ISCCs on hand to distribute to your families.

We have received several questions about reordering ISCCs. Like dried blood spot collection cards, these cards are available to order, free of charge, from VWR (Avantor). Here are some tips to ensure a smooth reordering process:

- Ensure you have your VWR account number available when placing your order. If you don't know your account number, contact us!
- Both products come packaged in packs of 25 cards. When specifying the order quantity, please keep this in mind to avoid ordering abnormally large quantities. For example:
 - * 10 x CATX89013-658 (Dried bloodspot collection cards) = 250 individual cards
 - * 10 x TXCAPLT1012CEO (Infant Stool Colour Cards) = 250 individual cards
- You can order both products at the same time and we recommend ordering a larger quantity of the ISCCs in case families would like additional copies!

For more information about reordering supplies: <https://www.newbornscreening.on.ca/supplies>

