

Alberta's Newborn Metabolic Screening Program

Alberta's Newborn Metabolic Screening (NMS) Program is about health care providers working together with parents and guardians to screen for 17 treatable conditions (14 metabolic conditions, 2 endocrine conditions and cystic fibrosis).

At the heart of all this is the newborn blood spot screening pathway. The newborn blood spot screening pathway makes sure all screened infants who may have one of the treatable conditions get clinical assessment, diagnostic testing and early treatment if needed. Early screening helps find conditions that can be treated early when the treatment can help an infant the most.

Detailed information regarding this program and its implementation can be found at:

<http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/9014.asp>

and

<http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/9024.asp>

The NMS Program clinical policy suite is a collection of five governance documents that set out the responsibilities and expectations for the delivery of an integrated and coordinated NMS Program offered to all infants born in Alberta. To learn more related to collection, see:

<http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/9053.asp>

Additional follow up information can be found at:

<http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/9067.asp>