

# NEWBORN SCREENING NEWSLETTER

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## Recall of Ohio Newborn Screening Blood Collection Cards (NBS Kits)

Ohio's newborn screening program has received a notice of recall from the vendor who has supplied the most recent lot (Lot #) of newborn screening blood collection cards known in hospital users as NBS kits. These cards have a lot # 102277 and the expiration date is 4/2016. They can also be identified by the yellow highlighting on key fields such as .. We have attached the recall notice to this newsletter. Please read the entire notice and act according to the recommendations.

1. According to the manufacturer only 20% of the kits may be affected.
2. Inspect unused sample collection cards visually for the presence of light blue colored glue in the blood application area. The glue has only been observed on the back side of the card, however, we recommend inspecting both sides.
3. If glue spots are observed, return the affected cards to the Ohio Department of Health at the address given at the bottom of this newsletter. You can combine all rejected items in one shipment.
4. Ohio Department of Health will replace all defective kits free of charge.
5. Even if no blue color is noticed, inspect the kit after sample collection for the presence of a darker or shiny area of blood absorption.
6. If such discoloration is noticed reject the card and collect the sample in an acceptable card.
7. Return these rejected cards also to the Ohio Department of Health along with unused rejected cards.

Please share this information with the Newborn Screening nursery, Newborn screening coordinator and others in your facility that needs this information.

We will also be calling the newborn screening coordinator to communicate this information.

Thank you for your patience, understanding and cooperation in this matter.

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