

MEMO

To: Healthcare Partners

From: Garrett Syphers, MT(ASCP), Laboratory Marketing Specialist

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Subject: Newborn Screening Testing

Effective immediately, Asante Laboratory Services will no longer be collecting newborn screening specimens. Patients who come to a laboratory draw station with a request for newborn screening testing will be referred to your office for collection.

Asante Laboratory Services' accreditation agency, the College of American Pathologists, requires that we track each newborn screening specimen we collect and confirm that it is received by the testing laboratory. We are not currently able to confirm the receipt of newborn screening tests at the Oregon State Public Health Laboratory and are unable to meet this CAP requirement. Because of this, we will no longer be able to provide newborn screening collections.

Oregon Health Authority regulations require the provider responsible for a newborn's medical care to ensure that newborn screening testing is collected and submitted to the Oregon State Public Health Laboratory in the appropriate timeframe. It is their recommendation that the birthing center collect the first screening specimen and provider collect the subsequent screening tests.

For information on Oregon's Newborn Screening program visit:

oregon.gov/oha/PH/LABORATORYSERVICES/NEWBORNSCREENING/Pages/providers.aspx

We apologize for the inconvenience this may cause to you and your patients. If we can address this issue at a future date, we will resume collection of newborn screening tests at that time. If you have any questions about this change, please contact me at (541) 789-4187 or garrett.syphers@asante.org.