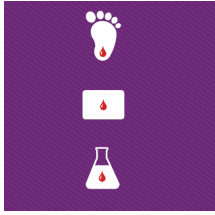


# Newborn Screening: On the Spot

*"Community Births Edition"*



A seasonal newsletter brought to you by the UCLA Area Service Center

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## Online Specimen Tracking (OST): Mandatory for All Birthing Providers

Did you know that OST participation is required for every NBS birthing provider? If you're not yet enrolled or if your account is inactive, please contact [NBSOST@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:NBSOST@cdph.ca.gov) to complete an application or request a reset as soon as possible.

OST helps ensure that every live birth has the required documentation on file by the baby's 7th day of life. Through OST, you can:

1. [Confirm receipt of specimens/TRFs at the state lab](#)
2. [Report missing specimens/TRFs](#)
3. [Investigate courier delays](#)
4. [Arrange timely repeat screens](#)
5. [Report TRFs on your list that don't belong to you](#)

## GLS Supplies:

As a reminder, GLS shipping labels expire every six months, so keep track and reorder before they run out. Delivery may take 1–2 days. For GLS support, contact: [govtaccts@qls-us.com](mailto:govtaccts@qls-us.com) or 916-458-0930. Mariah and Phong at GLS are ready to assist.

If you share office space with other providers, order your own shipping labels/envelopes tied to your unique **Provider Code**. Need to update your practice info? Let us know!

## Understanding Your Annual NBS Data!

Your Annual PEP Data Report and snapshot chart was just emailed to you. These include: Number of NBS panels collected by your practice (FY 2024–2025), Collection and transit data, OST usage insights, and any issues were noted for your review and concern. We're here to help troubleshoot and support your practice in meeting program standards. Call 310-826-4458 or Email [newbornscreening@mednet.ucla.edu](mailto:newbornscreening@mednet.ucla.edu) to review your data with us.

## Test Request Form (TRF) Completion: For every form, including refusals!

This year, our ASC will assist providers in improving TRF accuracy and completeness specifically for fields directly impact test results and program compliance. Your annual PEP report highlights missing fields from past submissions. Please ensure each TRF includes:

- **Accurate birth weight and gestational age,**
- **Accurate Date and time of birth and Date and time of specimen collection**
- **A filled bubble for feeding type, and PRBC transfusion information**
- **A filled bubble for NBS-NOT OBTAINED, with a signed parent refusal if applicable**
- **The correct Business Name and assigned NBS Provider Code, notably if you are submitting on behalf of another provider**

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