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- The pulse oximetry, which measures oxygen levels and heart rate to evaluate heart and lung function
- The hearing screen to detect hearing loss

Newborn screening aims to protect the health of your baby and has been proven to be the most effective public health program across the United States. It is important that we know who your baby's doctor will be in the case of an abnormal result.

**Take this time to ensure accurate follow-up PCP is indicated on the NBS card.*

We will need your signature on the back of this card and for you to check whether or not you would like your baby's blood to be stored until his/her third birthday. Storing your child's dried blood spots that are left over after the heel stick screening has occurred has been found to be beneficial for families for paternity, missing child, further screening, and the state program for de-identified medical research efforts. If you encounter any questions regarding the status of a child's DBS, please do not hesitate to contact the Indiana Genomics and Newborn Screening Program.

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