

Genomics & Newborn Screening (GNBS) News



Hello Newborn Care Team,

New Newborn Screening Dried Blood Spot Cards Coming!

This summer the newborn screening dried blood spot cards will have updates, including four changes to the original NBS card. These four new items are:

1. **Protein feed date and time has been removed.** This is no longer necessary information to include due to updated methodologies in screening.
2. **Did baby go home with mother?** This question has been added to the card due to the many cases involving adoption or DCS. Knowing whom the baby went home with helps ISDH and the GNBS laboratory contact families in the scenario of an abnormal screen for follow-up.
3. **Amish/Mennonite Ethnicity added.** This ethnicity option has been added to the card due to the growing Plain Community population in Indiana and the increased risk of certain GNBS conditions.
4. **Date of Echocardiogram screen and results.** This has been added to the card in the scenarios an infant does not pass his or her pulse oximetry screenings or may be immediately referred for an echocardiogram. This helps ensure proper follow-up for the infant is taking place.

New Senate Bills 41 & 228—Legislative Session 2019

This year's legislative session has included two new bills pertaining to the GNBS program. The two Senate Bills are SB 41 and SB 228.

SB 41— This bill was signed into law on March 25. This will add three new screening conditions for the newborn screening panel. The three conditions added will include: Krabbe disease, Pompe disease and Hurler or MPS-1. This will increase the current 47 conditions tested to contain 50 conditions screened via heelstick screening. Screening will begin in July 1, 2020. For more information about SB 41 please visit: <http://iga.in.gov/legislative/2019/bills/senate/41>

SB 228— This proposed bill, if passed, would require the Indiana State Department of Health to publish an annual list annually of birth problems required to be reported and allows for the state department to update the list. The Indiana Birth Defects and Problems Registry (IBDPR) has a list of reportable conditions, however, if this bill becomes law the IBDPR would update the list annually and would be available to all stakeholders on our website. For more information regarding SB 228 please visit: <http://iga.in.gov/legislative/2019/bills/senate/228>

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Visit our website to find resources and educational materials-

www.NBS.IN.gov

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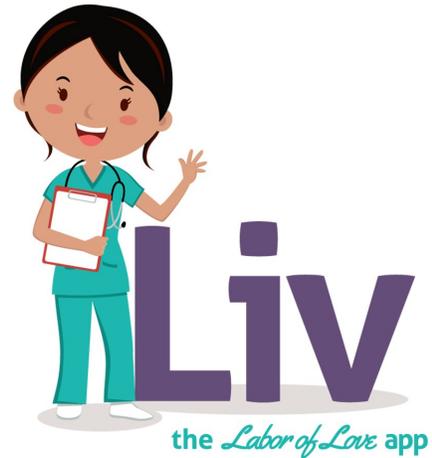
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Have you met Liv?

Liv is the new pregnancy mobile app for Indiana women who want the best information and resources to help them take charge of their reproductive health. Liv offers a searchable library filled with articles, checklists and quizzes in easy-to-understand terms. She also offers interactive maps, calculators for due date and baby weight, appointment calendar and more!

Created by the ISDH, Liv is for women of any age who are:

- Planning to be pregnant
- Trying to avoid or time pregnancy
- Already pregnant
- Parenting an infant



The app also offers one-touch phone connection to the MOMS Helpline operated by ISDH and an “Ask Liv” feature for getting answers to personal questions. Unlike other pregnancy apps, the resource content is focused on Indiana resources and updated regularly to reduce the user’s chances of getting outdated information or broken links.

Liv works on all mobile devices and can be downloaded at the iTunes or Google Play stores. Best of all, she’s **FREE!** To download from an app store, search the term “Liv a Pregnancy App.” Don’t have a mobile device? Liv is also available on the internet at www.askliv.com.

Upcoming Community Events!

The Martin Center Sickle Cell Initiative is holding an all day conference on Friday, April 26, that is designed with a morning track devoted to healthcare providers with CME credit available and an afternoon patient track aimed for families.

You can find more information, an agenda and a registration link here: <https://iu.cloud-cme.com/default.aspx?P=5&EID=45533>.

Have a new team member or staff change at your facility?

We want to encourage collaboration between ISDH and our newborn screening teams in the facilities. To improve the lines of communication, we ask that you keep your facility’s Maintaining a Centralized Program (MCP) form up-to-date. This form can be found on our website at www.NBS.in.gov. Please complete and email this form to us when an update occurs at ISDHNBS@isdh.in.gov.