

## BC Newborn Screening Program

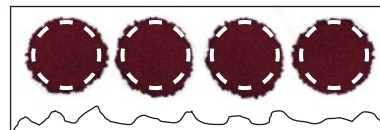
### New eLearning module on the PHSA Hub

# This Simple Blood Test Can Save a Baby's Life

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Around 45,000 newborns are screened each year in BC for 24 different treatable disorders such as congenital hypothyroidism, PKU, and cystic fibrosis.
- Some of these are life-threatening so time is of the essence.

### High quality blood spots:



### FACT

2% of cards received at the lab are not satisfactory and a repeat card collection needs to be done. That's up to 700 babies per year needing a 2nd poke.



**LET'S CHANGE PRACTICE**  
Together let's aim for < 1%

**1) Best time for blood spot card collection is within 24 – 48 hours after birth**



**2) Dry the card**

**3) Ship card as soon as possible (within 24 hours)**

## HOW CAN I HELP?

- Log onto PHSA Learning Hub and complete the Newborn Screening Blood Spot Card Collection 30 minute online training tool.

<https://learninghub.phsa.ca/Courses/17826>