



Newborn Screening Tests For Your Baby

Take time to learn what to expect from routine health screenings in the first days of your new baby's life.

During Pregnancy, Ask Your Doctor:

- **When** do screenings take place?
- **Which conditions** are doctors screening for?
- Are the screenings **painful**?
- When do I **find out the results**?
- **How much** do screenings cost?

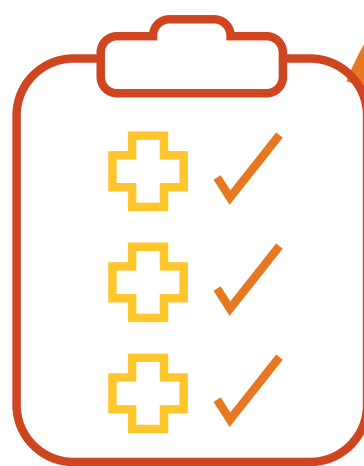


Common Newborn Screenings

- **Blood Test (24 to 48 hours after birth)**—A blood sample is collected as part of a newborn screening card.
- **Hearing (Before leaving the hospital)**—Two tests detect hearing problems in the ear canal and the brain.
- **Pulse Oximetry (Within 24 hours of birth)**—This simple, non-invasive test can detect low blood oxygen levels that may mean heart problems.

Test Results

There's usually no contact if results are "in range." Families may be called within 2-3 weeks for results considered "positive" or "out of range."



An "out-of-range" result does not always mean your baby is ill. There may be follow-up tests.

What To Do With Positive Results

- **Call Your Pediatrician**—Find out if your baby's condition is treatable and how to prevent more serious issues.
- **Try Not to Worry**—Follow up tests often fall within normal ranges.

Still Have Questions?

Talk to your doctor about newborn screenings or find a pediatrician at <https://weillcornell.org/services/pediatrics>.

