What to expect for your Baby’s First Test

There are nearly 4 million babies born in the United States each year. While most babies are born healthy, some infants are born with a serious but treatable medical condition. These conditions can be present in any family, even those without a family history of them.

Newborn screening helps health professionals to identify and treat these conditions before they make a baby sick.

Newborn screening usually happens 24 hours after your baby is born, before you leave the hospital.

You do not need to request the screening. It is standard at hospitals.

The conditions newborns are screened for differ in each state. Most states screen for 29 of the 35 conditions recommended by the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Each year, 12,000 babies with serious, but treatable conditions grow up healthy, thanks to newborn screening.

Talk to your healthcare provider about newborn screening.

To learn more, visit BabysFirstTest.org

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