



Winter 2010/2011 Newsletter

Newborn Screening Program
Area Service Center
Rady Children's Hospital San Diego
Servicing San Diego, Orange, Riverside &
Imperial Counties

Documentation Alert: Birth weight

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A recent review was conducted by the state which revealed a high rate of missing birth weights on Test Request Forms (TRF's). **Birth weight is used for interpreting some of the newborn screening test results.** The

report revealed that of those reported as 'missing' the majority of these were being entered in pounds and ounces instead of grams. Infant's birth weights are to be written on the TRF using the metric system of measurement. The metric system is the standard system of measurement which is used in healthcare.

Conversion instructions:

- Convert lb to oz
(1 lb to 16 oz)
- Then convert oz to gms
(1 oz to 28.349 gm)

DO: Record weight in grams (gms)

DO NOT: Record weight in pounds (lb) and Ounces (oz)

A weight conversion chart can be found at:

www.mostonline.org/MOSTWEIGHTCONVERSIONCHART.pdf



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Happy New Year !!!

from Newborn Screening, ASC 99



As the New Year is upon us, we find ourselves reflecting on the past year and on those who have helped to shape our work in a significant way. We value our relationship with you and look forward to working with you in the year to come. We wish you a New Year filled with peace and prosperity.





YESTERDAY'S PKU, TODAY'S NEWBORN Screening – 30 Years Later

The State of California began its Newborn Screening (NBS) Program in 1966 with testing for a single disorder, phenylketonuria (PKU). Since 1980, the NBS Program has been undergoing expansion

to include screening for additional disorders, and to date, the NBS program screens for over 70 genetic or heritable disorders.

Infants with a non-negative newborn screen receive follow-up by

highly trained staff at any of the 7 NBS Area Service Centers (ASCs) that are situated throughout the state, including our own ASC at Rady Children's Hospital San Diego.

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Number of newborn
screenings collected by
midwives
(Fiscal Year 2009 – 2010)



- Confirmatory
- Congenital
- Deficiency
- Hereditary
- Hypothyroidism
- Neonatology
- Screening

Facility Name	# Births
Beach Cities Midwifery	65
Bethany Midwifery Services	2
Birthing Care Center (Geeta Swamidass)	13
Kristin Bagiu (Pacific Birth Care)	6
South Coast Midwifery	82
Susan Gill (Blessed Beginnings)	32
Anne Sommers Birthing Services	2
Blessed Beginnings Midwifery (Karen Rogers)	11
My Earth Birth Midwifery	8
Andrea's Midwifery	14
Barbara Herrera (Navel Gazing AKA Ama Mama)	1
Best Start Birth Center	159
Birth Roots (Sara Davis, LM)	3
Brooke Ray	2
Mobile Midwife	5
Sunshine Chrispeels	6
Vicki Gervais (Wild Harmony Wellless) [Journey's]	6
Denise Gilpin Blake	2
Totals	418

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