


Critical Congenital Heart Disease Screening Program

Checklist for Informing PARENTS AND GUARDIANS



- Inform the parent or guardian that the purpose of the screening program is to screen for serious heart problems in babies.
- Inform the parent or guardian that the baby will be screened after he or she is 24 hours old.
- Inform the parent or guardian that if she agrees to have the baby screened, the pulse ox test will be done on the baby's right hand and one foot, if possible.
- Inform the parent or guardian that the pulse ox test is not usually painful and that it only takes a few minutes when the baby is quiet, warm, and not moving.
- Inform the parent or guardian that it is possible that a baby with a heart problem may have a normal pulse ox reading.
- Inform the parent or guardian that they have the right to decline screening.
- Inform the parent or guardian that they may ask questions at any time before, during, or following the screening.



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