

Frequently asked questions about Newborn screening blood spot testing

Why my baby should be tested for Newborn Screening?

Although most babies are healthy when they are born however in the Middle East the incidence of these some rare diseases are higher than any where in the world and all newborn must be tested as they may have some rare health problems that would lead to mental retardation and death, so we could prevent these serious problems in newborns.

How my baby is tested?

When your baby is born after 48 hours, you can bring your baby to Newborn Screening unit at HH Princess Al-Jawhara Centre, or ask your baby 's doctor to refer you to the Centre, a nurse will take a few drops of blood from your baby's heel and your baby will be tested for rare diseases immediately.

How will I be informed about the results of the test?

You will be notified by phone and your baby will be referred to the specialists if additional testing is required. You can also ask about results when you see your baby's health professional.

How long will it take to get results?

It takes 24 hours and if additional testing is required, you will be informed immediately.

Why sometimes tests to be repeated for my baby?

If there is a problem with the blood collection and when the first test showed an increased risk for a health problem. The health professionals can contact you and they can tell you that your baby is at risk and sometimes retesting is to be done to make sure that your baby is healthy.

What if I have questions?

Ask your baby's health professional if you have questions or concerns, or contact newborn screening Unit at Al-Jawhara Centre. (Link, Tele No)