**Extended Hospital Stays**

* Collect an initial specimen at **24-48 hours of life**. Collect a specimen before a transfusion or other treatment (except respiratory) occurs. Collect another specimen at 48-72 hours of life on infants initially tested at <24 hours of age.
* For infants with a birth weight <2,200g, collect a second specimen (third specimen if infants initially tested at <24 hours of age) at two weeks of age, a third specimen (fourth specimen if infants initially tested at <24 hours of age) at 28-30 days of life or discharge, whichever comes first, and monthly thereafter until discharge.
* For infants with a birth weight ≥2,200g, collect a second specimen (third specimen if infants initially tested at <24 hours of age) at the time of discharge or at one month of age, if hospital stay is longer than one month.

Note: If any of the collections occurs post-transfusion, follow re-testing guidelines stated on the laboratory reports. If screening results from any of the collections place an infant at high risk for a condition, follow the recommendations stated on the reports.

This change should be implemented no later than December 31, 2014.

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