

## Tests and Treatments for the Newborn

The following is a brief description of the tests and interventions that we generally make available for newborns. These are standard medical procedures in the hospital. After discussing each test or intervention with your midwife, please indicate which procedures you want, and sign the bottom of this sheet.

### Cord Blood

When a client's blood is Rh negative, cord blood is taken from the umbilical cord immediately after the birth to check the baby's blood type and factor. Other indications for taking cord blood are to test for syphilis or other disorders, or for cord blood banking.

- Yes, I want the cord blood to be tested. It should be checked and/or saved for the following:
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- No, I do not want the cord blood to be tested.

### Eye Prophylaxis

Erythromycin ointment (an antibiotic) is administered to the newborn's eyes to prevent blindness caused by gonorrhea infection. It is a state law to administer this, but parents may decline treatment.

- Yes, I want my baby to receive antibiotic eye treatment.
- No, I do not want my baby to receive antibiotic eye treatment. *(Sign waiver)*

### Vitamin K

An injection of Vitamin K is given to aid the newborn in creating clotting factors. This is given to prevent Vitamin K Deficiency Bleeding of the newborn.

- Yes, I want my baby to receive a vitamin K injection.
- No, I do not want my baby to receive a vitamin K injection. *(Sign waiver)*
- I am choosing oral vitamin K. I understand I am responsible for obtaining it. *(Sign waiver)*

### Newborn Screen

This is a blood test to check newborns for metabolic diseases such as Phenylketonuria (PKU), Galactosemia, Maple Syrup Urine Disease, MCADD, and Biotinidase Deficiency; Endocrine diseases such as Hypothyroidism and Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia; Hemoglobin diseases such as Sickle Cell Diseases and Hemoglobin H disease; and Genetic Disorders such as Cystic Fibrosis. This test is usually administered 24-48 hours after the birth of the baby. It is a state law to perform this test, but parents may decline testing.

- Yes, I want my baby to receive the newborn screening test.
- No, I do not want my baby to receive the newborn screening test. *(Sign State Refusal Form)*

### Hepatitis B Vaccination

Hepatitis B vaccination is not available from Tres Lunas Midwifery. I have discussed Hepatitis B vaccination with my midwife and understand that I must talk to a pediatrician if I want this vaccination for my child.

### Pediatrician and Hearing Screen

We recommend that you make arrangements to visit a pediatrician soon after the birth of your baby. Your pediatrician will be able to schedule your baby's hearing screen.

I have discussed all of the above with my midwife and my questions have been answered to my satisfaction. I take full responsibility for my decisions and accept the potential risks of administering or withholding the above tests and treatments.

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Client's Signature

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Date

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Partner's Signature

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