Borderline Result:
Blood Spot Screen Result Notification

Minnesota Newborn Screening Program

Borderline Newborn Screening Result

What was found on the newborn screen?

The newborn screen that was collected at birth found that your baby had a borderline result.

What does a borderline result mean?

A borderline result means that the test was between normal and abnormal. There are several reasons why results can fall in the borderline range, including:

- Normal changes in baby's body as they adjust to being born
- Babies who are born early (premature)
- Babies who have difficult or stressful deliveries
- The blood spots being exposed to heat and humidity
- Certain treatments for either mom or baby

Most of the time, it is unclear why the result was borderline.

What happens next?

Your baby's doctor will order a repeat newborn screen. Most babies who have borderline results have normal repeat screens. However, because the disorders on the newborn screen are serious, it is important to repeat the screen and make sure your baby doesn't have a health problem.

How will I get my baby's repeat screen results?

Once your baby's blood spots arrive at the screening laboratory, testing begins immediately but can take several days. The test results will be provided to your baby's doctor or clinic.

What if the repeat screen is normal?

If the results are normal, no special testing or treatment will be needed. No more medical care in relation to the borderline result will be needed. If you have questions, please speak with your baby's doctor.

What if the repeat screen is borderline or abnormal again?

If the repeat screen is borderline or abnormal, your doctor will let you know about additional testing or treatment your baby could need.

Resources

Genetics Home Reference:
http://ghr.nlm.nih.gov

Save Babies Through Screening Foundation:
www.savebabies.org

Baby's First Test:
www.babysfirsttest.org