

Rationale For Storing NBS Specimens

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Considerations and Recommendations for a National Policy Regarding the Retention and Use of Dried Blood Spot Specimens after Newborn Screening

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<http://www.hrsa.gov/heritabledisorderscommittee/RBSBriefingPaperFINALDraft42310.pdf>

*The threat to the use of records
and stored blood samples
in medical screening research*

NICHOLAS J WALD
MALCOLM LAW

Editorials
J Med Screen 2001

**NEWBORN BLOOD COLLECTIONS:
Science Gold Mine, Ethical Minefield**

Jennifer Couzin-Frankel

Science April 2009

Children and Population Biobanks

David Gurwitz, Isabel Fortier, Jeantine E. Lunshof, Bartha Maria Knoppers

Science, AUGUST 2009

“Access to samples and individual DNA sequence data from children included in population biobanks should, when feasible, await their consent as adults.”

Are they useful?

What does Google say?

Dried blood spots:

0.17 seconds: 1,610,000 hits

Residual dried blood spots:

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Analytes Measured in Dried Human Blood on Filter Paper ~ 1

Acarboxyprothrombin
Acylcarnitine
Adenine phosphoribosyl transferase
Adenosine deaminase
Albumin
 α -fetoprotein
Amino Acids
 profiles
 arginine (Krebs cycle)
 histidine/urocanic acid
 homocysteine
 phenylalanine/tyrosine
 tryptophan
Andrenostenedione
Antipyrine
Arabinitol enantiomers
Arginase
Benzoylecgonine (cocaine)
Biotinidase
Biopterin
C-reactive protein

Carnitine
Carnosinase
CD4
Ceruloplasmin
Chenodeoxycholic acid
Chloroquine
Cholesterol
Cholinesterase
Conjugated 1- β hydroxycholic acid
Cortisol
Creatine kinase
Creatine kinase MM isoenzyme
Cyclosporin A
D-penicillamine
De-ethylchloroquine
Dehydroepiandrosterone sulfate
DNA (PCR)
acetylator polymorphism
alcohol dehydrogenase
 α 1-antitrypsin
cystic fibrosis
Duchenne/Becker muscular dystrophy
glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase

Analytes Measured in Dried Human Blood on Filter Paper ~ 2

hemoglobinopathies

A,S,C,E

D-Punjab

beta-thalassemia

hepatitis B virus

HCMV

HIV-1

HTLV-1

Leber hereditary optic neuropathy

MCAD

mRNA

PKU

Plasmodium vivax

sexual differentiation

21-deoxycortisol

Desbutylhalofantrine

Dihydropteridine reductase

Diphtheria/tetanus antitoxin

Erythrocyte arginase

Erythrocyte protoporphyrin

Esterase D

LSDs

Glutathione peroxidase

Glycocholic acid

Glycosylated hemoglobin

Halofantrine

Hemoglobin variants

Hexosaminidase A

Human erythrocyte carbonic anhydrase I

17- α hydroxyprogesterone

Hypoxanthine phosphoribosyl transferase

Immunoreactive trypsin (CF)

Lactate

Lead

Lipoproteins

(a)

B/A-1

β

Lysozyme

Mefloquine

Netilmicin

Phenobarbitone

Analytes Measured in Dried Human Blood on Filter Paper ~ 3

Purine nucleoside phosphorylase

Quinine

Reverse tri-iodothyronine (rT3)

Selenium

Serum pancreatic lipase

Sissomicin

Somatomedin C

Specific antibodies

adenovirus

anti-nuclear antibody

anti-zeta antibody

arbovirus

Aujesky's disease virus

CD3

CD45

dengue virus

Dracunculus medinensis

Echinococcus granulosus

Entamoeba histolytica

enterovirus

Giardia duodenalisa

Helicobacter pylori

hepatitis B virus

herpes virus

HIV-1

IgE (atopic disease)

influenza virus

IRT 1

IRT 2

Leishmania donovani leptospira

measles/mumps/rubella

Mycobacterium leprae

Mycoplasma pneumoniae

Onchocerca volvulus

parainfluenza virus

Plasmodium falciparum

poliovirus

Pseudomonas aeruginosa

respiratory syncytial virus

rickettsia (scrub typhus)

Schistosoma mansoni

Toxoplasma gondii

Trepenoma pallidum

Trypanosoma cruzi/rangeli

vesicular stomatis virus

Wuchereria bancrofti

yellow fever virus

Analytes Measured in Dried Human Blood on Filter Paper ~ 4

Spectic antigens
hepatitis B virus
HIV-1
HTLV-1
H1N1
p24, p72
HLA-A, B, DR
Succinylacetone
Sulfadoxine
Theophylline
Thyrotropin (TSH)
Throxine (T4)
Thyroxine-binding globulin
Trace elements
Transferrin
UDP-galactose-4-epimerase
Leishmania donovani leptospira
measles/mumps/rubella
Mycobacterium leprae
Mycoplasma pneumoniae
Onchocerca volvulus
parainfluenza virus
Plasmodium falciparum
poliovirus

Pseudomonas aeruginosa
respiratory syncytial virus
rickettsia (scrub typhus)
Schistosoma mansoni
Toxoplasma gondii
Trepenoma pallidum
Trypanosoma cruzi/rangeli
vesicular stomatis virus
Wuchereria bancrofti
yellow fever virus
Succinylacetone
Sulfadoxine
Theophylline
Thyrotropin (TSH)
Throxine (T4)
Thyroxine-binding globulin
Trace elements
Transferrin
UDP-galactose-4-epimerase
Urea
Uroporphyrinogen I synthase
Vitamin A
White blood cells
Zinc protoporphyrin

Analytes Measured in Dried Human Blood on Filter Paper

TOTAL: 162 published uses

Information courtesy of
Harry Hannon. **CDC**
CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL
AND PREVENTION

We know how to store and use them

*Guidelines for the Retention, Storage, and Use of Residual Dried
Blood Spot Samples after Newborn Screening Analysis:
Statement of the Council of Regional Networks
for Genetic Services*

“Potentially these samples provide a genetic material “bank” for all newborns nationwide. Their value as a resource for other uses has already been recognized by scientists, administrators, and judicial officials.”

BL Therell, WH Hannon, KA Pass, *et al.*
Biochem Mole Med 1996
32 references

Rationale for saving residual NBS specimens?

- 👣 unique
- 👣 unbiased population coverage
- 👣 nearly complete population coverage
- 👣 sometimes it is the only remaining tissue sample
- 👣 use for developing new assays
 - 👣 both positive specimens and controls
- 👣 Public Health studies
 - 👣 HIV seroprevalence
 - 👣 not available for NY retrospective study in 1987
 - 👣 Love Canal
 - 👣 first identification of PCB hazards

Rationale for saving residual NBS specimens? (2)

- ☞ reflect fetal exposures

 - ☞ alcohol

 - ☞ FAS

 - ☞ drugs

 - ☞ environment

 - ☞ Three Mile Island

 - ☞ perfluorinated compounds

 - ☞ cocaine, nicotine, caffeine

 - ☞ hepatitis B

 - ☞ toxoplasmosis, syphilis,
rubella

 - ☞ birth defects and folate

 - ☞ pesticides

 - ☞ E. coli

Rationale for saving residual NBS specimens? (3)

- 👣 source of DNA

- 👣 confirmation of biomarker assay

- 👣 characterization of phenotype

- 👣 forensics

- 👣 allele frequency studies

- 👣 proteomics

- 👣 metabolomics

- 👣 increased specificity in

- 👣 CF, CH, CAH, SSD, galactosemia

- 👣 future studies unknown to us today (HIV, TMI)

- 👣 Retrospective studies, both biochemical and molecular

Rationale for saving residual NBS specimens? (4)

- 👣 unexpected uses

 - 👣 ghosts

 - 👣 mummified white cells

- 👣 discovery

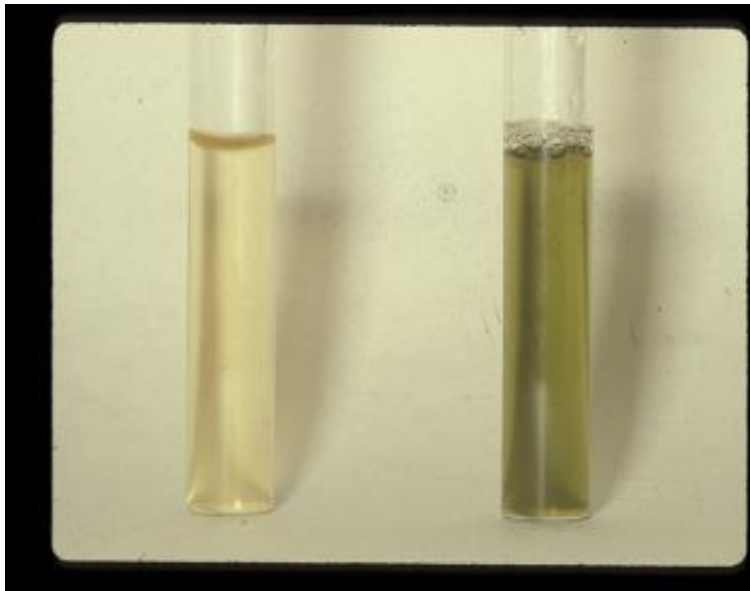
 - 👣 autism

 - 👣 fragile X

Rationale for saving residual NBS specimens?

They are irreplaceable !

....and they sure beat daily wet diapers by the hundreds !!



Thank you.

