



YOU SPENT THE
LAST FEW MONTHS
WONDERING ABOUT YOUR
BABY'S FUTURE...

YOU CAN'T FIND OUT
EVERYTHING JUST YET.
BUT SOME THINGS...
YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU KNEW
IN TIME.

FIRST STEP, a newborn screening test, empowers you with the knowledge you need, to take the right precautions at the right time. So that you can make sure your baby will always lead a normal, healthy, happy life...

Q. What is the **FIRST STEP Newborn Screening Test?**

A. It tests your baby for Inborn Errors of Metabolism (IEMs) as soon as 24 hours **AFTER** birth. On the rare chance your baby has one; it allows treatment to begin, long before symptoms appear, allowing normal development.

Q. What can an IEM do to your baby if undiagnosed and untreated?

A. Unfortunately, infants with IEMs show no early signs of these disorders and by the time these symptoms appear, it is too late for treatment. IEMs can cause brain damage, coma and even death if undetected in the early stages.

Q. How is **FIRST STEP done?**

A. **FIRST STEP** is performed by pricking a baby's heel and putting a few drops of blood on a special filter paper. The paper is allowed to dry and then sent to NeoGen Labs where the tests are performed.



Giving babies the best start in life!

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