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To All Physicians and Health Care Providers Who Care for Newborns in Florida:

The Florida Department of Health Newborn Screening Program is proud to announce that beginning October 1, 2012, all newborns screened will be tested for Severe Combined Immunodeficiency (SCID). This addition to the panel of disorders screened in Florida was recommended in 2011 by the Florida Genetics and Newborn Screening Advisory Council and funding was authorized during the 2012 Legislative session.

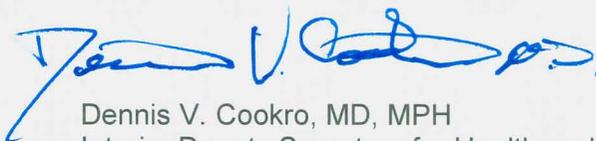
The testing methodology for SCID will be comprised of two components: 1) T-cell Receptor Excision Circle (TREC) and 2) beta-actin quality. These results will be added to the current Newborn Screening lab report.

Infants with borderline or inconclusive results will need a repeat newborn screening specimen collected. The repeat specimen must be collected when the infant's age is equivalent to or greater than 37 weeks of gestation.

Infants with presumptive positive results will be referred to the nearest SCID Referral Center. The referral centers are located in Gainesville, St. Petersburg and Miami. The SCID Referral Center will arrange confirmatory testing with the primary care provider or the parent and provide treatment for babies diagnosed with SCID.

The Centers for Disease Control and the US Food and Drug Administration announced in 2010 that the Rotavirus vaccination is contraindicated for infants with SCID. Therefore, the Florida Newborn Screening Program recommends that all infants with abnormal SCID results not be given the Rotavirus vaccine unless the repeat specimen is normal. It is recommended that all primary care physicians review the newborn screening results to be assured of the SCID testing status prior to administering the vaccine. Results can be accessed online at <https://www.FNSR.net>.

Sincerely,



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Florida SCID Centers

SCID Center	Address	Contact Number	Counties Served
University of Florida	University of Florida Pediatric Immunology/Rheumatology Department 1600 SW Archer Road P.O. Box 100296 Gainesville, Florida 32610-0296	Main Line: (352) 294-5252	Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Holmes, Washington, Jackson, Bay, Gulf, Calhoun, Gadsden, Liberty, Franklin, Wakulla, Leon, Jefferson, Madison, Taylor, Dixie, Lafayette, Suwannee, Hamilton, Columbia, Gilchrist, Levy, Citrus, Hernando, Baker, Union, Bradford, Alachua, Marion, Sumter, Lake, Putnam, Clay, Duval, Nassau, St. John, Flagler, Volusia, Seminole, Orange, Osceola, Brevard
University of S. Florida	University of South Florida 601 5 th Street South, 3 rd Floor St. Petersburg, Florida 33701	Main Line: (727) 767-7045	Pasco, Pinellas, Hillsborough, Polk, Manatee, Hardee, Sarasota, De Soto, Highlands, Charlotte, Glades, Lee, Hendry, Collier
University of Miami	University of Miami Batcher Children's Research Institute 1580 NW 10 th Ave, Suite 286 Miami, Florida 33136	Main Line: (305) 243-2700	Indian River, Okeechobee, St. Lucie, Martin, Palm Beach, Broward, Monroe, Dade