

# Pass Result:

Your baby **passed**  
the pulse oximetry screen!



The pulse oximetry screen detected normal oxygen levels in your baby's blood. This means that your baby did not show signs of critical congenital heart defects (CCHD). No further testing is needed at this time.

## What are Critical Congenital Heart Defects (CCHDs)?

Congenital heart defects are the most common group of birth defects. Heart defects cause problems with the structure of the heart or the way blood flows through it. CCHD refers to heart defects that need to be fixed early to help prevent other health problems.

## Why is screening for CCHD important?

While prenatal ultrasounds may find some cases of CCHD, not all can be found before birth. Without screening shortly after birth, babies with CCHD are sometimes sent home without care because they appear healthy. At home, these babies can develop serious health problems and often require emergency care. If CCHD is detected early, however, infants can be treated and lead healthier lives.



## What happens next?

Pulse oximetry screening does not find all cases of CCHD. It is important for your baby to receive regular checkups with a health care provider.



For more information go to:  
[www.ncdhhs.gov/dph/wch/families/newbornmetabolic.htm](http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dph/wch/families/newbornmetabolic.htm)



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