Congenital Syphilis: Initiating Neonates Investigations Step-by-Step

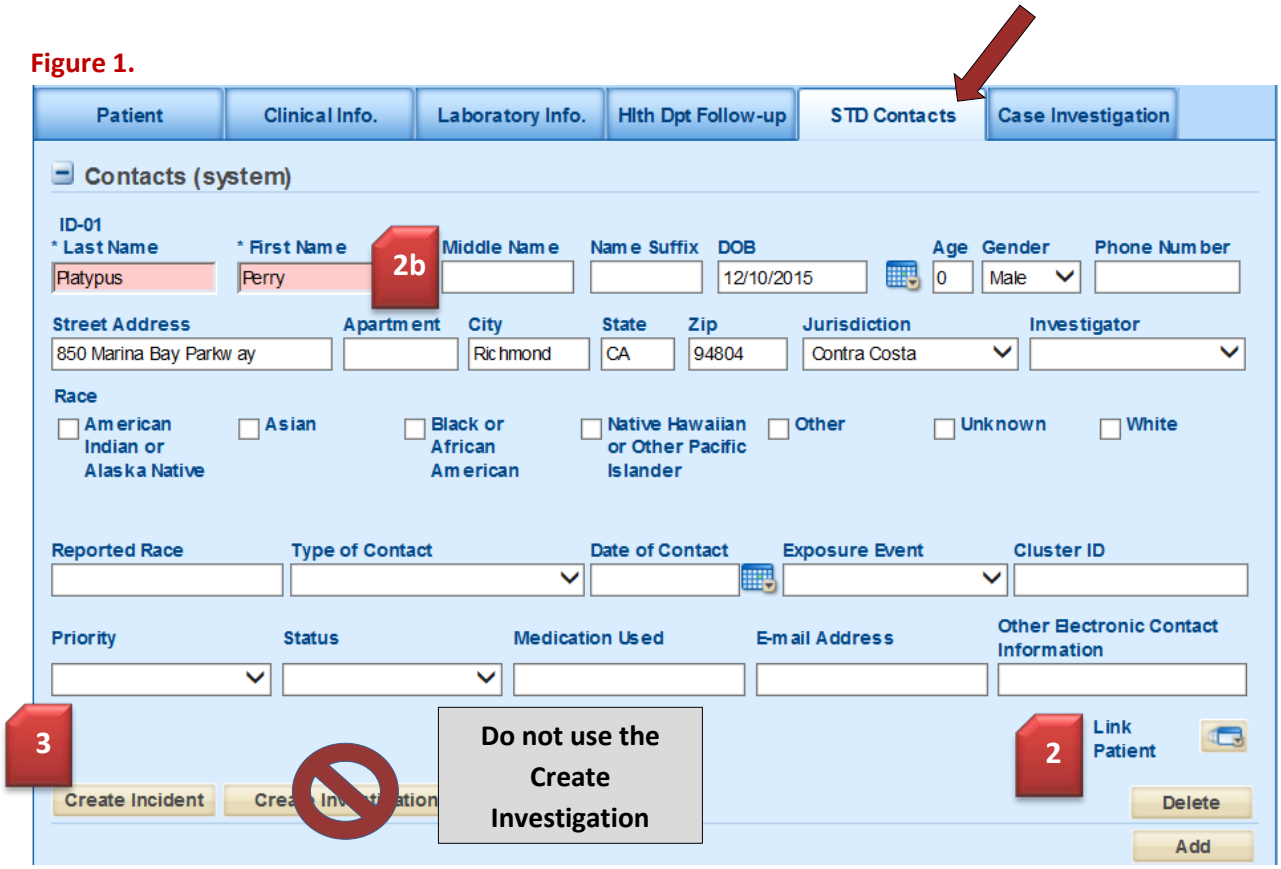
To initiate a neonate investigation:

1. Enter the mother's case information into her own Disease Incident, per standard procedure.

2. On the STD Contacts tab, click '**Link Patient**' to see if the infant already exists in CalREDIE (Figure 1).
   a. Search on any combination of Name, DOB, Address, and/or Phone. If a match is found, click (highlight) your match then click OK.
   b. If not found, click Cancel and enter First and Last Name of the infant as well as any available demographics. *Minimum fields required: Last Name, First Name.*

   Note: If the infant's last name is not yet known, enter the mother's last name for the infant. If the infant's first name is not yet known, enter Baby Girl or Baby Boy, as gender-appropriate for the infant.

Figure 1.

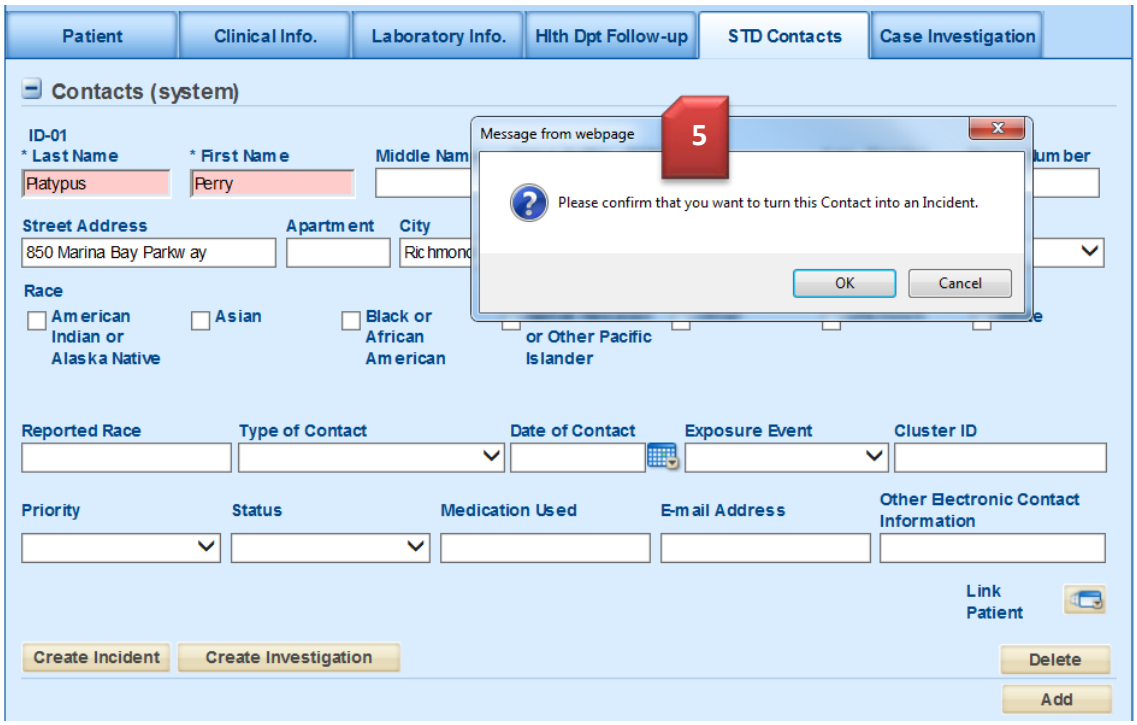


3. Click **Save** to save changes on the STD Contacts tab.

4. Click **"Create Incident"** to turn infant into a new Disease Incident. *You must Save (step #3) to enable the "Create Incident" button.* Do not use the Create Investigation button.

5. Click **"OK"** in pop-up box to confirm that you want to turn the infant into a new Incident (Figure 2). A pop-up box will subsequently notify you that "The contact has been successfully turned to a new incident."

Figure 2.



6. Click on new DI Incident link to go to the infant's new Incident (Figure 3).

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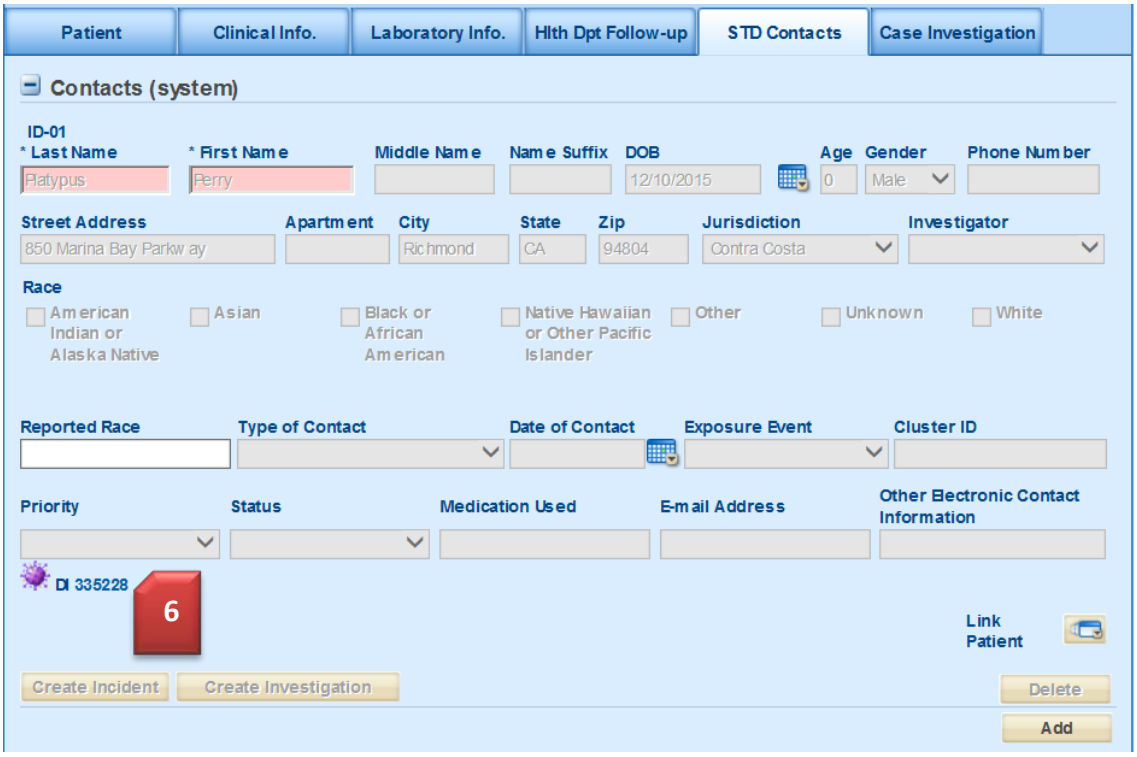
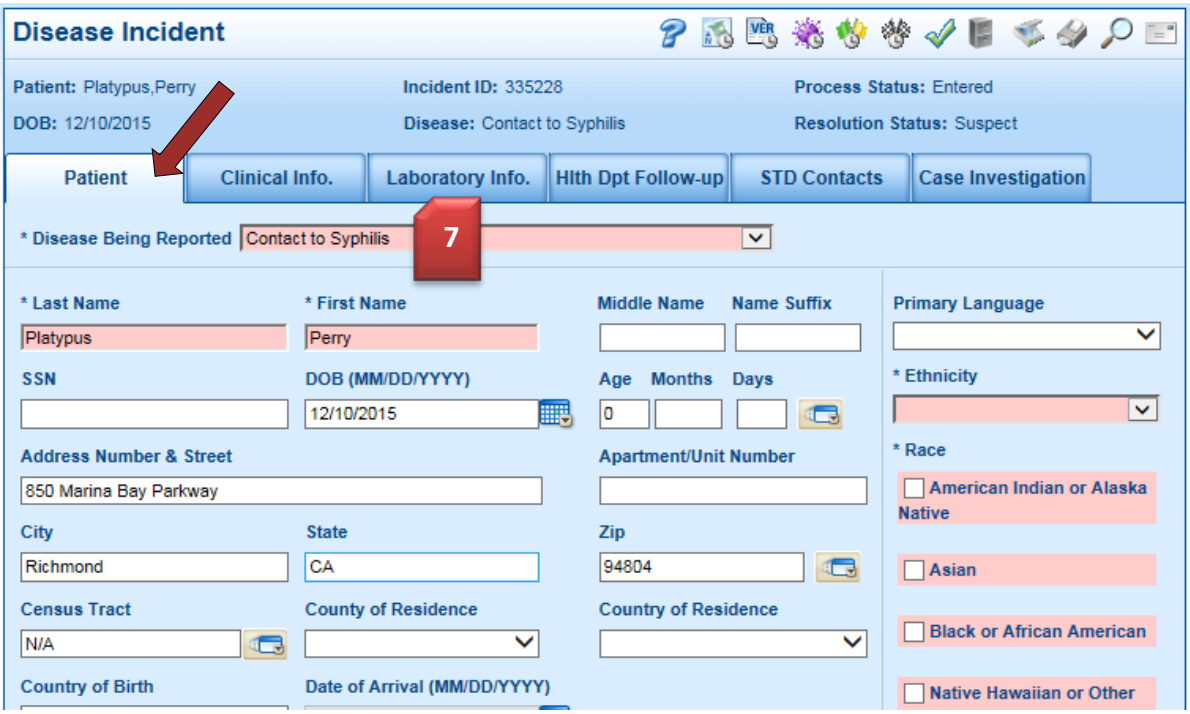


7. On the infant's Patient tab, the Disease Condition will default to "Contact to Syphilis". Name, address, race, and gender will carry over from the Contacts (systems) entry in the mother's incident (Figure 4).
    a. Change the **Disease Being Reported** to **"Syphilis (Congenital)."** The **CS Case Report** tab will automatically appear after the page refreshes (Figure 5).

Figure 4.



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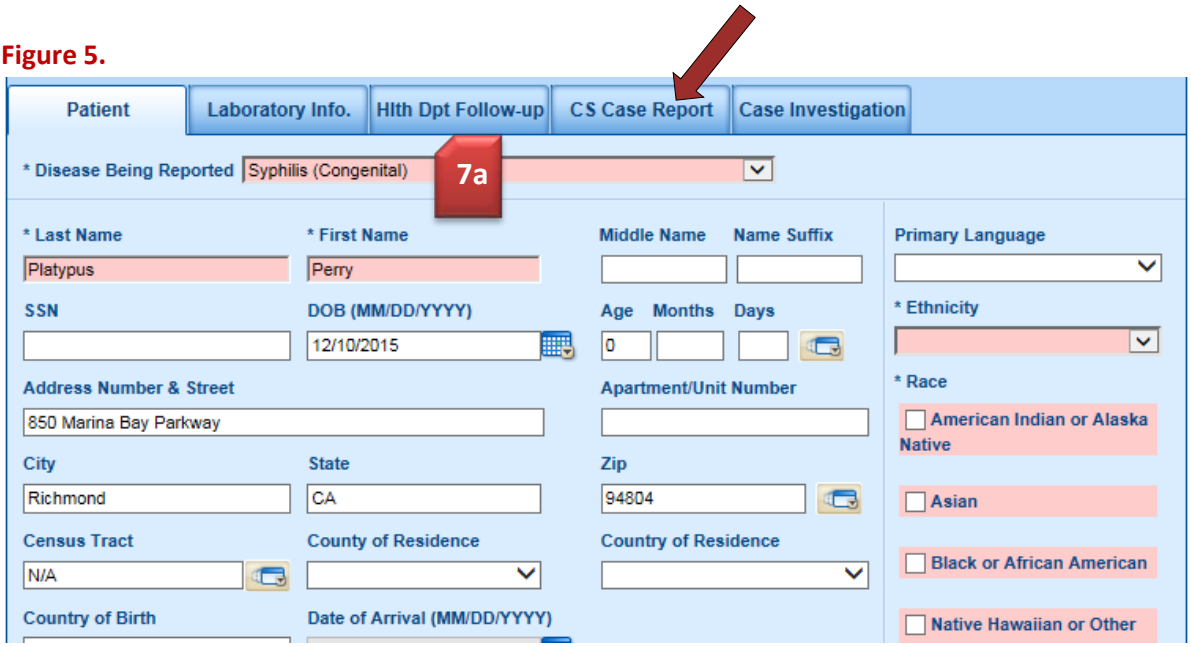
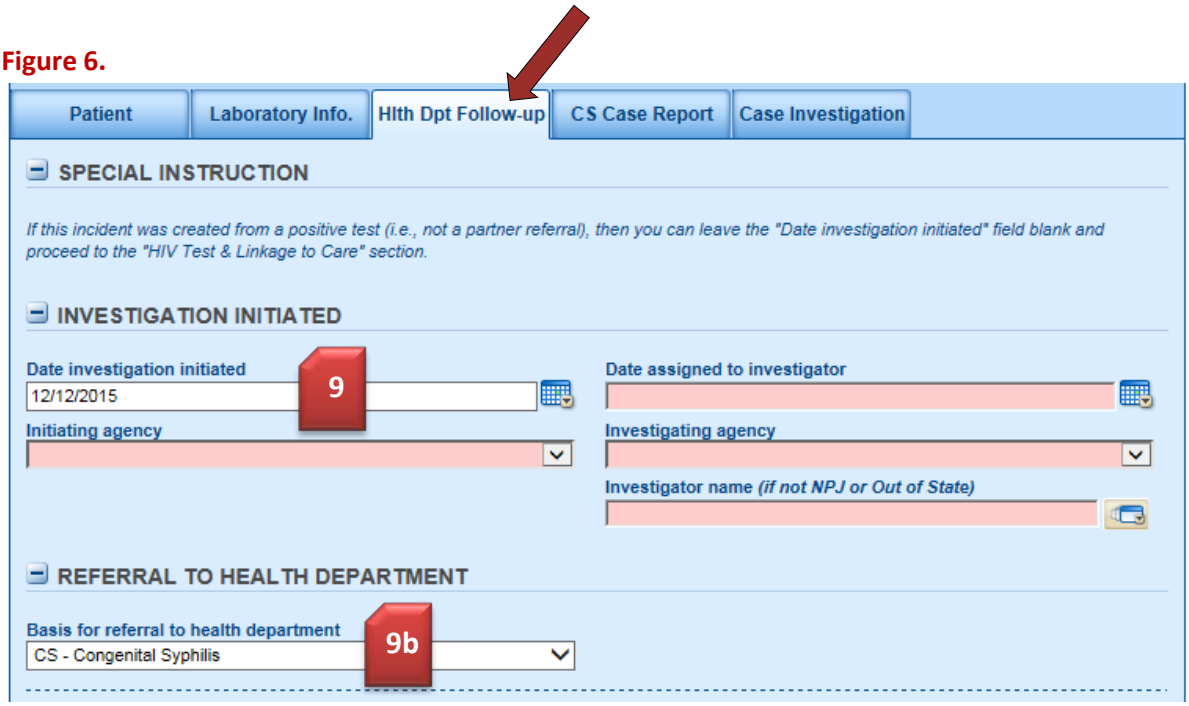


8. Enter required information on the infant's Patient tab.

9. On the infant's Health Department Follow-up tab, enter the "Date investigation initiated" to activate the investigation (Figure 6).
    a. Complete the required fields in the INVESTIGATION INITIATED section.
    b. Select "CS – Congenital Syphilis" for Basis for referral to health department in the REFERRAL TO HEALTH DEPARTMENT section (Figure 6).
    c. Select the mother's stage of syphilis for Disease being investigated in the INVESTIGATION OUTCOMES section (Figure 7).
    d. Enter information in each section as appropriate for the investigation.

Figure 6.



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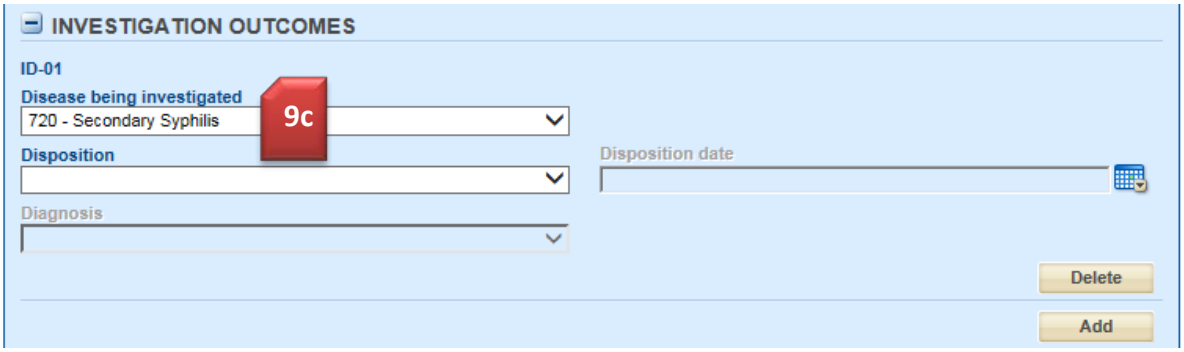

10. On the infant's Case Investigation tab, choose the jurisdiction of infant's residence.

11. Assign this Incident to the appropriate investigator by selecting from the drop-down menu.

12. Select the appropriate Process Status (default: Entered).
13. Select the appropriate Resolution Status (default: Suspect)
14. Click “Submit” to save Incident in CalREDIE.

You have now successfully accomplished:

Creating a new Incident for a Congenital Syphilis investigation, and generating a link between the infant and mother in CalREDIE!