



California Department of Public Health
MEMORANDUM

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TO: Newborn Screening Area Service Center Directors
Metabolic Center Directors and Center Coordinators

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SUBJECT: Changes to Confirmatory Testing for Galactosemia

The GDSP Contract with ARUP for GALT and molecular testing ends effective today (09/30/16)

Do not send any additional specimens to ARUP for NBS GALT testing. The contract has ended.

Interim Procedure for Screen Positive Galactosemia Cases effective immediately:

Infants with initial NBS Screen Positive findings for Galactosemia will receive a second dried blood spot GALT Assay screen via the Genetics Disease Laboratory until a new contract for confirmatory testing is in place. This second screen will have higher specificity and sensitivity testing than the initial NBS.

- 1. Collect a new TRF with 3 Dried blood spots**
- 2. Reason for Test: Check Other Repeat and specify Galactosemia repeat in Comments**
- 3. Indicate Feeding and Transfusion status – Use Comment section for additional information**
- 4. Ship via GSO directly to CDPH Genetic Disease Laboratory in Richmond, CA**

SHIP TO:

GENETIC DISEASE LABORATORY
ATTN: SPECIMEN PROCESSING
850 MARINA BAY PARKWAY C222
RICHMOND, CA 94804

These policy changes are effective immediately.