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Have you seen the *Providing Newborn Screening Specimens for Research Webinar Series?*

Visit NBSTRN.org to download!

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New functionality for the Virtual Repository of Dried Blood Spots (VRDBS)

NBSTRN is excited to announce new functionality in the Virtual Repository of Dried Blood Spots (VRDBS). After receiving feedback from our users, we have created a published research page accessible to the public by visiting the VRDBS from the NBSTRN.org website. Our objective in building this new functionality was to make research in newborn screening more readily available to investigators as well as to help investigators connect with other researchers in the Newborn Screening field. Our published research page now includes an indicator icon that shows when research was published using dried blood samples from the VRDBS. We believe that this will be an excellent resource for anyone searching for research on dried blood spots or trying to understand how the VRDBS makes research on DBS a smoother process.

Also, in our July release of the VRDBS we created a 'Wish List' option for investigators who have received access into the VRDBS. The 'Wish List' allows an investigator to request the addition of disease-specific dried blood spots that they were not able to find in the VRDBS.

Both of these new functions have been built to better serve the research community.

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Spotlight on NBS Researcher

The Spotlight Researcher for August received her M.D. from Anhui Medical University in the People's Republic of China. She completed her residency in China at the Anhui Provincial Hospital in Internal Medicine and Radiology. Since then, she has completed a biochemical genetics fellowship at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. She has served as the director of the Wisconsin newborn screening laboratory since 2007 and is an associate professor of Pediatrics at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health.

Our honored researcher was a lead scientist in a research group composed of scientists and physicians at the University of Wisconsin–Madison who developed a high-throughput method of screening newborns for severe combined immunodeficiency (SCID).

Read more and find out who the Researcher of the Month is by visiting: <https://www.nbstrn.org/about/spotlight/Baker>

Are you receiving the most current information about NBS on Facebook?

When was the last time you visited the Newborn Screening Translational Research Network's Facebook page? Since this January, we have totaled over 130 "Likes" and reached on average 180 people with our posts each week. NBSTRN wants to expand our reach in the Facebook community so that more people can be updated about the current newborn screening legislative bills being passed in their states, find out about new research findings and developments, and learn about webinars that shed light on newborn screening issues as well as new research functionality.

The NBSTRN posts an average of three to four informative posts that relate to current topics in newborn screening each week. To get involved and "like" our Facebook page you can visit NBSTRN.org and click on the Facebook icon underneath the News and Updates section.

If you have topics for inclusion in future newsletters, please let us know by emailing

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