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NBSTRN NEWSLETTER

Newborn Screening Translational Research Network— Five More Years!

Dear NBSTRN Friends and Partners,

This note is to update you on where we are with NBSTRN and what we envision for the next round of our contract. As implied by the subject line, we were successful in re-competing to continue as the NBSTRN Coordinating Center that develops the infrastructure that supports grantees working in the newborn screening research arena. We owe you all a debt of gratitude for the work you did that demonstrated our ability to meet the contract requirements and engage with grantees using the systems we have built together.

The work requirements in our new contract are somewhat similar to the last round, though with less focus on building infrastructure and more on enabling its use, finding new partners in research, and maximizing the ability of current grantees to partner with more of those with the important clinical data that is so central to the NBSTRN.

Regards,

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

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Spotlight on a Newborn Screening Researcher

Autumn is here and with the change of season, the Newborn Screening Translational Research Network would like to highlight another noteworthy researcher in the newborn screening research community. Our spotlight researcher received her Bachelor's Degree in biochemistry from Rice University in 1975. She then went on to study at Kansas University where she received her M.D. Since then she has studied and taught at the University of Minnesota, first completing her residency in pediatrics in 1981 and then completing a fellowship in medical genetics in 1984. She was brought on as staff at the University of Minnesota in 1984 and to this day has taught as a professor in Pediatrics, Ophthalmology and Genetics, Cell Biology and Development at the University of Minnesota. Currently, our researcher is a member of the Minnesota Department of Health Newborn Screening Advisory Committee and serves as the Program Director for the University of Minnesota Department of Pediatrics Child Health Research Center.

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

VRDBS

Virtual Repository of Dried Blood Spots

Upcoming Public Training Webinars

VRDBS Public training webinars are held on the third Thursday of the month at 2:00pm EST. The next public training webinars will be held on:

Oct 17 Nov 21 Dec 19 Jan 16 Feb 20

These one hour training sessions will demonstrate a variety of features available to investigators. At the remaining of the hour participants will have the opportunity ask direct questions to the presenters. The webinars are intended for potential investigators, but anyone is welcome to join to learn more about VRDBS.



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