

Letter of Intent (LOI)
between
The Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL) and
The International Society for Neonatal Screening (ISNS)

This Letter of Intent is predicated on the recognition of the importance of neonatal screening as a public health program in the United States and worldwide. There is a lot to be learned from interactions and discussions between newborn screening systems around the globe. APHL and ISNS recognize that there are mutual efforts to expand and optimize neonatal screening programs and maximize the coverage of screened infants (thus improving their health) worldwide.

In order for the two organizations to work together in these areas, it is important that the specific areas of likely overlap, interest and activity be identified and mechanisms developed to ensure that communication is open in the development and execution of projects of shared interest. The following activities are intended to facilitate this interaction.

Some of the proposed activities would include but not be limited to:

- Publish the first collaborative initiative (the LOI) on the APHL and ISNS websites.
- Link newborn screening information between the APHL and ISNS websites.
- Establish a liaison representative from the ISNS Council to the APHL Newborn Screening and Genetics in Public Health Committee.
- Establish a liaison representative from the ISNS Council to the APHL Newborn Screening and Genetics Testing Symposium Planning Subcommittee.
- Establish an APHL representative on the Advisory Council of ISNS.
- Schedule quarterly teleconferences between APHL staff and ISNS Council members.

This collaboration will be initiated by APHL publicly regarding the neonatal screening community in the USA as being part of the ISNS North American region. Both parties recognize that for the time being there are no mutual financial obligations or constraints.

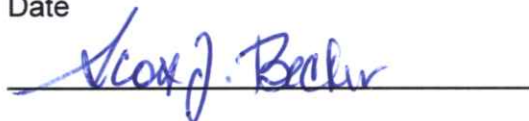
Signed,



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