

SCID Positive Result:

Bloodspot Screen Notification



What was found on the newborn screen?

At the hospital a few drops of blood were taken from your baby's heel and tested for certain diseases. If your baby had a positive or unclear result for SCID, more testing needs to be done as soon as possible.

What does this mean?

A positive result means that your baby needs more tests. This will verify if the immune system that fights off infection is working properly. This **does not** mean your baby has SCID, but more testing is needed to know for sure.

What happens next?

Newborn screening staff will work with you and your doctor to make sure the needed tests are done right away.

Contact ADHS Office of Newborn Screening with questions.

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What Health Problems can SCID cause if left untreated?

- Frequent, life-threatening infections
- Diarrhea
- Skin rash
- Failure to gain weight

How is SCID treated?

Bone marrow transplant is the most common treatment. Talk to your baby's doctor about options.

Children with SCID benefit from **prompt** and **careful** treatment.

What is SCID?

SCID is a condition present in a baby at birth where the body doesn't have an immune system that works well. Without a good immune system, the body is not able to fight infections. A simple cold can be life-threatening for a child with SCID.

What should I do right now?

- ✓ Contact your baby's doctor right away—they should have test results
- ✓ Have another blood sample taken from your baby as soon as possible
- ✓ Don't get your baby vaccinated without talking to your doctor first
- ✓ **Keep your baby away from crowds and people who are sick**



Resources



Baby's First Test:
www.babysfirsttest.org

Save Babies Through Screening Foundation:
www.savebabies.org

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