BioTrust Consent Best Practices for Michigan Hospitals



The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has set a goal for each hospital in Michigan to return a completed BioTrust consent form with 90% or more of all newborn screens collected. A form is considered complete if a decision box is checked, either "Yes" or "No", and it is signed by a parent or legal guardian. Hospitals play a critical role in the BioTrust consent process. The goal of this document is to share tips and suggestions related to the BioTrust consent process that have been successful in Michigan birthing hospitals.

When possible, provide BioTrust education prenatally



<u>Tip</u>: Share BioTrust infographics at hospital tours or prenatal classes so families can learn about the consent process before they enter the hospital.

Newborn screening and BioTrust brochures designed for the prenatal period are available in multiple languages, free of charge, at Michigan.gov/NBSOrders.

Log BioTrust consent completion



<u>Tip:</u> Incorporate an area, whether on newborn screening logs, in electronic medical records, or on patient white boards, to check off when patients complete the BioTrust consent form.

Identify staff champions

<u>Tip:</u> Find a few staff members on each shift who can provide support to newer staff related to the BioTrust consent process.

Encourage participation in BioTrust training opportunities

<u>Tip</u>: Incorporate the newborn screening (NBS) online training module into staff training requirements. The link to this training can be accessed using this QR code.



Training opportunities are available for hospital staff involved in the BioTrust consent process. The NBS program maintains an online training module with BioTrust consent information. Live training sessions are hosted by the NBS program once per year. Continuing education units are available for all NBS trainings.

Make data sharing routine



<u>Tip</u>: Send updates about the BioTrust metric by email or find a shared location, such as staff lounges, to post the newborn screening reports each quarter.

Data regarding BioTrust consent completion rates is sent to NBS coordinators at each hospital quarterly. Share this information with all staff included in the BioTrust consent process to encourage group collaboration on ways to meet the 90% metric.

Get familiar with the BioTrust website

The BioTrust website, located at <u>Michigan.gov/BioTrust</u>, houses resources for health professionals and parents that can assist with the BioTrust consent process. Learn more below about what is available.

Resources for parents:

- YouTube video describing the BioTrust
- Answers to frequently asked questions
- Audio recording of the BioTrust brochure
- Online research report listing all studies using left over blood spots from Michigan

Resources for health professionals:

- 30-minute BioTrust training module
- Newborn Screening Guide for Hospitalsincluding BioTrust consent information
- BioTrust consent staff instruction sheet
- Answers to frequently asked questions



Scan this QR code to explore the BioTrust website!