



BioTrust Consent Overview: Staff Instruction Sheet

Purpose: To provide guidance to staff and birthing attendants involved in collecting informed consent decisions from newborns’ parents or legal guardians for participation in the Michigan BioTrust for Health program. Hospital staff or birthing attendants facilitate this three-step process shortly after birth and must be present during the entire consent process.

Step 1 Educate: BioTrust Consent Brochure

The BioTrust Consent Brochure is a required step in the informed consent process. It provides detailed information for educating families about the BioTrust to ensure they make an informed decision about the research use of blood spots left over after newborn screening. This brochure must be ordered separately from the newborn screening card (kit) and is required to be distributed to every birthing family in Michigan.



- Familiarize yourself with the BioTrust consent brochure.
- Provide the BioTrust consent brochure to the family to read.
 - Alternate languages and audio version of the brochure are available at Michigan.gov/BioTrust by clicking consent options.
- Answer family questions.
 - Direct parents to Michigan.gov/BioTrust for access to [Frequently asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#) and more information about the BioTrust program.
 - Contact the BioTrust Coordinator for help answering questions.

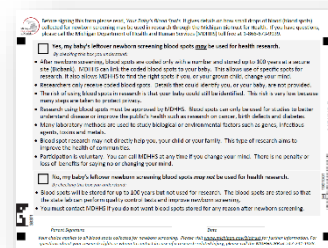
Scan below to visit the BioTrust FAQ webpage



Step 2 Document: BioTrust Consent Form

The BioTrust consent form is attached to the back of each newborn screening card. This form is where families mark a decision about the research use of their child’s blood spots left over after newborn screening. This form can ONLY be completed by the parent or legal representative. Alternate languages available at Michigan.gov/BioTrust by clicking consent options.

- Ask a parent/guardian to mark their “yes” or “no” decision.
 - Mark the “yes” box to consent to research use.
 - Mark the “no” box to decline research use.
- Collect parent/guardian signature on the form.



Step 3 Return: Courier

To honor the family’s BioTrust consent decision, return the completed form to the NBS Program. Provide a copy to the family to ensure they have documentation of their decision.

- Return the white copy of the consent to the NBS state lab via the courier.
- Give the pink copy to the family to take home.
 - If using an Alternate consent form, make a copy for the family to take home.

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Newborn Screening Ordering: Michigan.gov/NBSOrders or 517-335-1400