
Reporting Title: Postmortem Screening**Performing Location** Rochester**Necessary Information:**

Request the original newborn screening card from the state laboratory where the decedent was born. See [Request for Original Newborn Screening Card](#)

Specimen Requirements:**Both bile and blood spots are required.****Supplies:** Card-Postmortem Screening (Filter Paper) (T525)**Container/Tube:****Preferred:** Card-Postmortem Screening Card (Filter Paper)**Acceptable:** Whatman Protein Saver 903 paper**Specimen Volume:** Properly completed screening card**Collection Instructions:**

1. Collect blood in a heparin-containing tube and drop 25 mcL of blood onto the 2 circles labeled Blood.
2. Collect bile by direct puncture of the gallbladder and drop 25 mcL of bile onto the 2 circles labeled Bile.
3. Allow to dry at ambient temperature in a horizontal position for a minimum of 3 hours.
4. Fill out information on page 2 of collection card.
5. Do not expose specimen to heat or direct sunlight.
6. Do not stack wet specimens.
7. Keep specimen dry.

Forms:

[If not ordering electronically, complete, print, and send a Biochemical Genetics Test Request](#) (T798) with the specimen.

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container
Whole blood	Ambient (preferred)	0 hours	FILTER PAPER
	Frozen	0 hours	FILTER PAPER
	Refrigerated	0 hours	FILTER PAPER

Supplemental Report:

No

CPT Code Information:

83789

Reference Values:

Quantitative results are compared to a constantly updated range which corresponds to the 5 to 95 percentile interval of all postmortem cases analyzed in our laboratory.