

BC INFANT STOOL COLOUR CARD® SCREENING PROGRAM FOR BILIARY ATRESIA

Abnormal Stool Colours



Normal Stool Colours



**CHECK YOUR BABY'S STOOL COLOUR EVERY DAY
FOR THE FIRST MONTH AFTER BIRTH TO SCREEN
FOR BILIARY ATRESIA**

What is Biliary Atresia? Biliary Atresia is a rare but serious liver disease that begins to affect newborns in the first month of life. It is the most common reason why children need a liver transplant and it is life-threatening if it is not treated.

What are the warning signs of Biliary Atresia? It is very normal to see yellow colour of your baby's skin or eyes (a condition known as jaundice) in the first few days after birth. However, some babies may have jaundice that lasts longer than two weeks. If your baby has jaundice for longer than two weeks and also has pale yellow, chalk white or clay coloured stools, these are warning signs that your baby could have Biliary Atresia.

How can you help screen for Biliary Atresia? Check your baby's stool colour **EVERY DAY** for the first month after birth. **If at any time you notice that your baby has an abnormal stool colour (Abnormal Stool Colours - number 1, 2, or 3 pictured above), please promptly contact the BC Infant Stool Colour Card® Screening Program at:**

Phone Toll Free Number: 1-877-583-7842 (1-877-5-TEST-4-BA)

Email: psbc@phsa.ca

Fax: 604-875-3244

Please make sure that the following information is included in your phone message, email or fax:

- Date of your baby's birth.
- Name of the hospital where your baby was born.
- Mother's first name, last name and maiden name.
- Your home phone number and cell number.

If you need more information, please visit our website:

www.perinatalservicesbc.ca

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