

# Every Hour Counts!

Timing is critical for saving babies

# Newborn Screening

- Collect the newborn screening specimen at **24 - 48** hours of life. Aim for **24**.
- Fill out the screening card completely, accurately, and legibly.
- Check the specimen. Is it a good specimen? If there is any doubt, recollect immediately.
- Dry the specimen horizontally for **3 - 4** hours.
- Package dried specimens **daily** for the courier – know your courier's pick-up time.
- Specimens should arrive at the newborn screening lab within **24** hours of collection.