



# **Critical Congenital Heart Disease (CCHD) Screening**

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# Background- CCHD

- About 25% of congenital heart disease is considered “critical”
- Diagnosis now relies on prenatal diagnosis or neonatal signs/symptoms
- Delayed diagnosis of CCHD causes increased morbidity and mortality
- Pulse ox screening of newborns can improve detection of CCHD when combined with a thorough exam



# 2011 Legislation

- Required Advisory Council on Hereditary and Congenital Disorders to convene expert panel to evaluate and submit legislative report 12/31/11
- Required Maryland to follow recommendation of Secretary Sebelius

# 2011 Legislation

- Legislative report available at <http://fha.dhmdh.maryland.gov/genetics/documents/CCHDLegisRpt.pdf>
- In September 2011, CCHD Screening was adopted to RUSP





# Advisory Panel for CCHD Screening

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# Implementation

- Screening
- Evaluation of Abnormal Results
- Recording Results
- Surveillance





# The Goal for CCHD Screening

- Identify those newborns with structural heart defects usually associated with hypoxia in the newborn period that could have significant morbidity or mortality early in life with closing of the ductus arteriosus or other physiologic changes early in life.





# Screening

- All babies should be screened prior to discharge
- NICU's need to develop protocols for screening (Lakshminrusimha S et. al, e-Journal of Neonatology Research Volume 2, Issue 2, Spring 2012)
- performed by a health professional whose scope of practice includes performing pulse oximetry, including CNA's



# Screening

## When:

- 24-48 hours of age
- while the infant is awake and quiet if possible
- avoid performing pulse oximetry on a crying or cold infant

## Where:

- quiet area
- with parent present to soothe and comfort the infant (if possible)



# Screening

- Machines should be approved by the FDA for use in neonates.
- Pre and Post-ductal saturations needed (right hand and one foot).



# Screening

Baby's First  
Test video

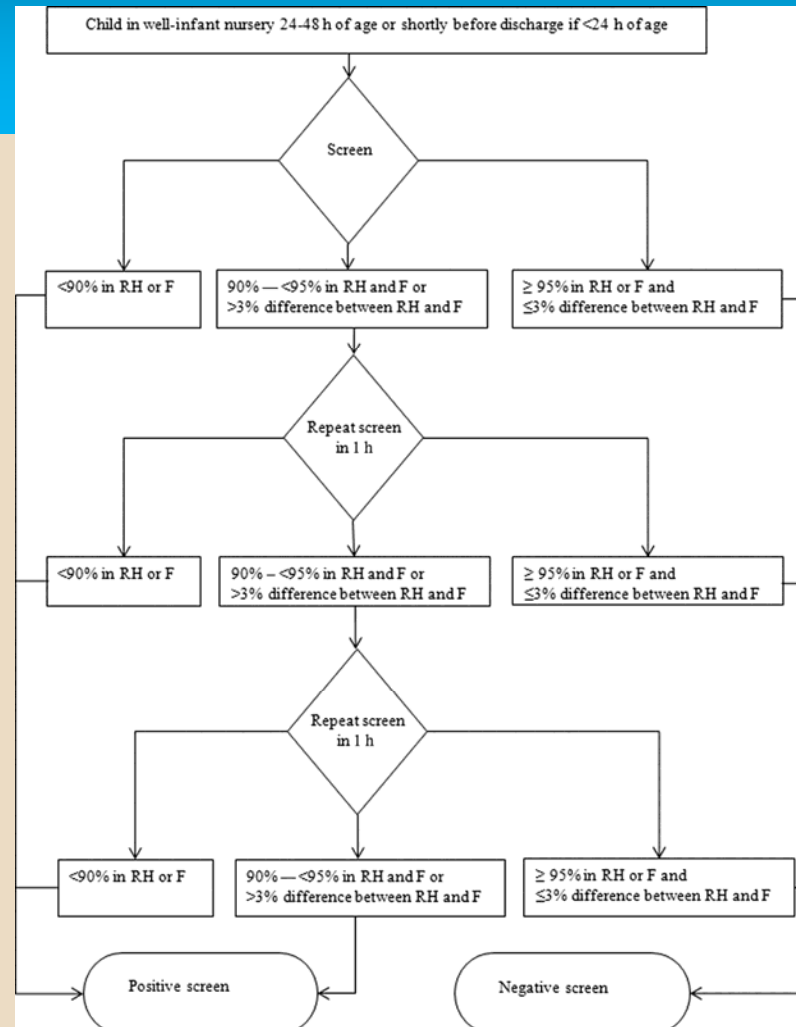
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=Lif7kSgHfkW](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=Lif7kSgHfkW)



# Interpretation

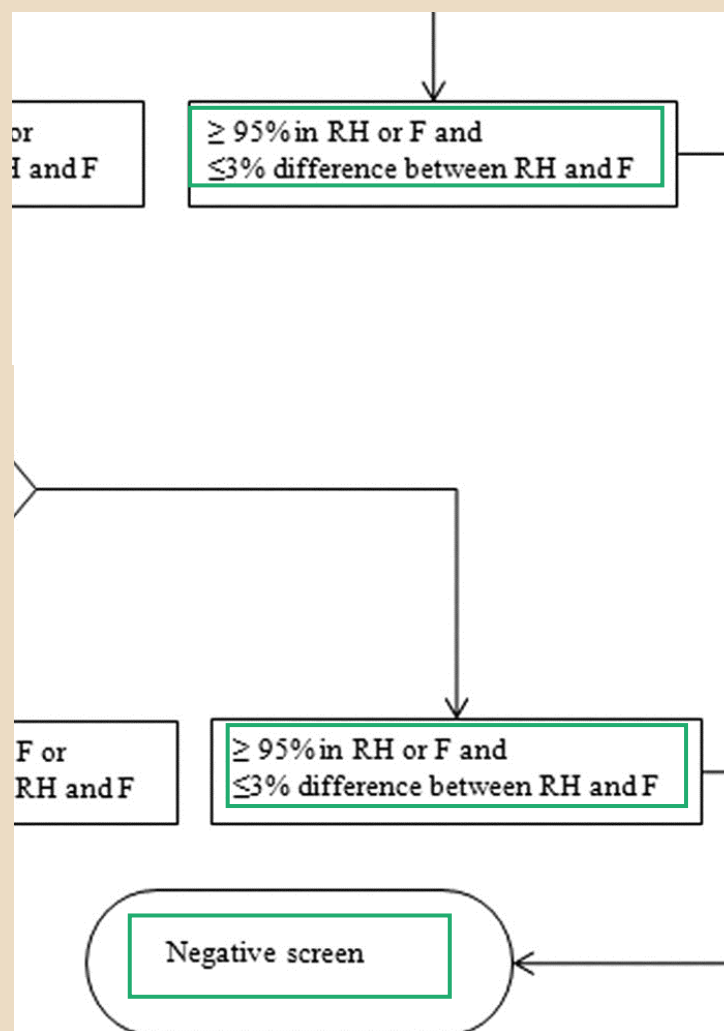


## Pulse-oximetry protocol endorsed by AAP and AHA



Kemper A R et al. Pediatrics 2011;128:e1259-e1267

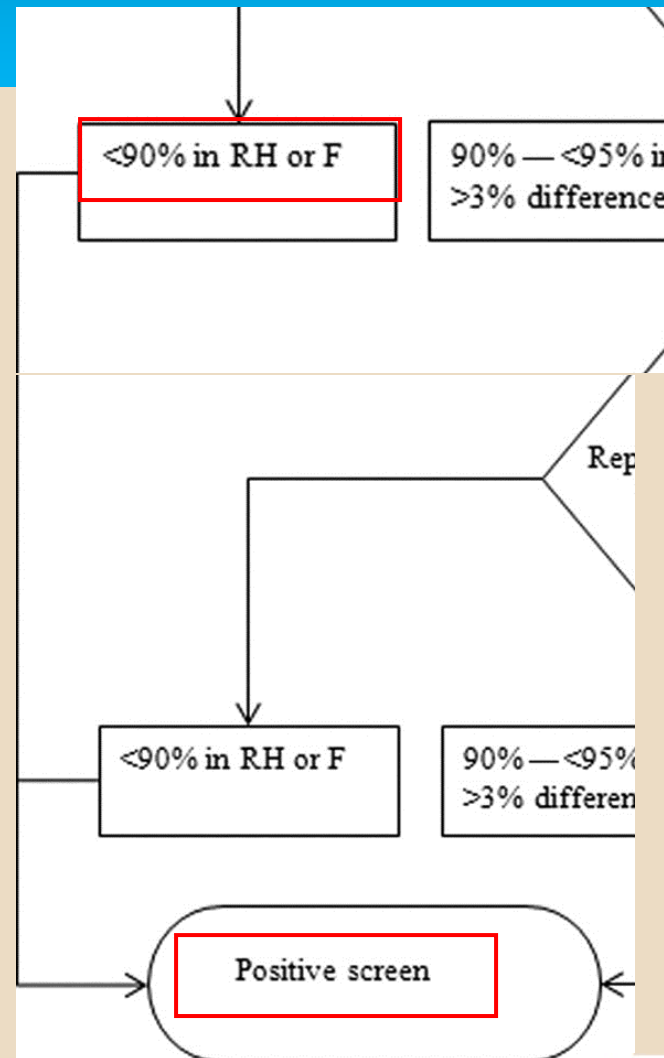
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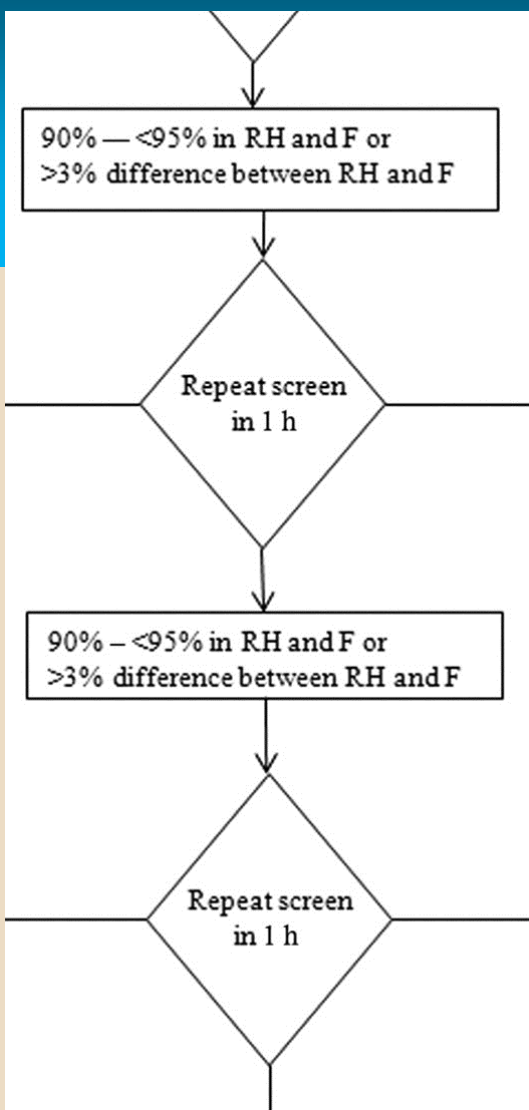
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# Mueller CCHD Screening Table

Green= Negative Screen (PASS)

Red=Rescreen in 1 hour

Red for 3 consecutive screens= Positive Screen (FAIL)

\*Red\*= Automatic Positive Screen (FAIL)

RIGHT  
HAND

FOOT

												<90
100	100	99	98	97	96	95	94	93	92	91	90	*
99	100	99	98	97	96	95	94	93	92	91	90	*
98	100	99	98	97	96	95	94	93	92	91	90	*
97	100	99	98	97	96	95	94	93	92	91	90	*
96	100	99	98	97	96	95	94	93	92	91	90	*
95	100	99	98	97	96	95	94	93	92	91	90	*
94	100	99	98	97	96	95	94	93	92	91	90	*
93	100	99	98	97	96	95	94	93	92	91	90	*
92	100	99	98	97	96	95	94	93	92	91	90	*
91	100	99	98	97	96	95	94	93	92	91	90	*
90	100	99	98	97	96	95	94	93	92	91	90	*
<90	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	<90

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# Positive Screen (FAIL)

- ANY Oxygen Saturation  $< 90\%$  (the **RED \***)
- O<sub>2</sub> Saturation 90-94% in both extremities on 3 measures, each separated by 1 hour
- $\geq 95\%$  in either extremity with  $> 3\%$  difference in oxygen saturation between the upper and lower extremity (the **RED** Section of the Table) on 3 measures, each separated by 1 hour



# Negative Screen (PASS)

- $\geq 95\%$  in either extremity with  $\leq 3\%$  absolute difference in oxygen saturation between the upper and lower extremity
- The **Green** Section of the Table



# Screening

## Individual hospital protocol development:

- Who will screen and when? (remember potential need for evaluation)
- Who will be notified of abnormal screens?
- How will a baby be evaluated after an abnormal screen?
- Who will enter data?
- If a baby is discharged without screening, what will you do?



# Evaluation

- Congenital Heart Disease (CHD)
  - Inherited structural abnormality of the heart that is present at the time of birth
  
- Critical Congenital Heart Disease (CCHD)
  - Any CHD that relies on patency of the ductus arteriosus to provide blood flow to the lungs or to the body (and/or)
  - Any CHD that requires surgical or catheter based intervention during the first month of life



# Evaluation

- Cyanotic CHD
  - Any CHD associated with oxygen saturation less than 95%
  - Due to mixing of oxygen “rich” blood from the lungs and oxygen “poor” blood from the body
- Some forms of CCHD are associated with cyanosis (i.e. oxygen saturation less than 95%) and are considered cyanotic critical congenital heart disease (CCCHD)



# Evaluation

- Pulse oximetry is a screening tool used to help identify babies with cyanotic CHD
- Pulse oximetry may also help detect babies with other forms of CHD or other non- heart related conditions (i.e. infection, lung disease)





# Evaluation

- Cyanotic CHD that may be identified by pulse oximetry screening include (not limited to):
  - Hypoplastic Left Heart syndrome (HLHS)
  - Pulmonary atresia (PA)
  - Tetralogy of Fallot (TOF)
  - Total anomalous pulmonary venous return (TAPVR)
  - Dextro-Transposition of the Great Arteries (dTGA)
  - Tricuspid atresia (TA)
  - Truncus arteriosus



# Evaluation

- All children require a detailed physical examination in the nursery or neonatal intensive care unit
- Children with “positive” pulse oximetry screening test results (i.e. sats < 95% or greater than 3% difference in saturation between upper and lower extremity) require urgent clinical evaluation and may undergo an echocardiogram, interpreted by a pediatric cardiologist; consultation with a pediatric cardiologist may be required



# Evaluation

- In the event that an echocardiogram cannot be performed, children with concern for CCHD may require transfer to another medical center
- In cases of suspected CCHD, a diagnosis should be made prior to discharge to home



# Evaluation

- Families should be advised that an out-of-range screening result does “not necessarily mean that your baby has CCHD”
- Families should be informed that pulse oximetry does not detect all forms of CHD
- Pediatricians and primary providers should be informed of results



# Evaluation

- Families should be informed of the following:  
Warning signs of CHD
  - Poor feeding
  - Poor urine output (less than 3 solid wet diapers per day)
  - Tires easily or sleeps a lot
  - Poor weight gain
  - Often irritable or difficult to console
  - Pale, bluish color



# Surveillance

- DHMH will provide surveillance of screening.
- Data will be entered into OZ for this function.
- Provide Debra Harper-Hill, RN with contacts needing access





# Surveillance

- Nurse will contact providers regarding abnormal screens to determine the evaluation process and ultimate diagnosis for the infant..
- To evaluate efficacy of protocol and challenges to implementation.
- Quarterly feedback to birthing facilities regarding numbers screened and false positives.



# Contact Information

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