

BABY'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

**Do NOT prick the heel of my baby  
for *Newborn Genetic Screening*  
(*“PKU test”*) without getting  
my permission!\***

**I want to protect my baby's  
privacy and civil rights!**

***That means: finding me, coming back  
later, or even waking me up!***

\*See Minnesota Statutes on other side.  
For more info: [www.itsmydna.org](http://www.itsmydna.org)

**Suggested Places to Post:** hospital door & baby bassinet

By Minnesota State Law, I have the right to:

- 1) **Refuse** newborn (genetic) screening for my baby. (MN Statutes 144.125)
- 2) Allow the State of Minnesota to conduct newborn (genetic) screening on my child, **but require** the tests and blood sample to be destroyed. (MN Statutes 144.125) *(Parents with older children may also require the State to destroy their children’s stored blood sample and testing results. State forms are available online.)*
- 3) **Consent or refuse to consent** to the Minnesota Department of Health:
  - a. Collecting my baby’s blood and DNA (MN Statutes 13.386)
  - b. Storing my baby’s blood and DNA (MN Statutes 13.386)
  - c. Using my baby’s blood and DNA (MN Statutes 13.386)
  - d. Disseminating (sharing) my baby’s blood and DNA (MN Statutes 13.386)

By MN State Law, the hospital must advise me that my baby’s blood, tissue samples and genetic testing results may be kept by State government if I choose to have my baby tested—and my testing options under State law:

*“shall advise parents of infants (1) that the blood or tissue samples used to perform testing thereunder as well as the results of such testing may be retained by the Department of Health, (2) the benefit of retaining the blood or tissue sample, and (3) that the following options are available to them with respect to the testing: (i) to decline to have the tests, or (ii) to elect to have the tests but to require that all blood samples and records of test results be destroyed within 24 months of the testing.”* (MN Statutes 144.125, subd. 3)

By Minnesota State Law, the hospital must comply with my choices. (MN Statutes 144.125)

By Minnesota State Law, the MN Department of Health must also receive *written informed consent* from me before my baby’s blood and DNA is collected, stored, used, or disseminated. (MN Statutes 13.386)



*NOTE: Official State forms to comply with MN Statutes 144.125, including forms for parents who want the MN Department of Health to destroy the stored newborn blood, DNA, and genetic testing results of older children (born after 6/30/86) can be found at hospitals and at <http://www.itsmydna.org>.*