# Advances in Newborn Toxicology Testing

The most comprehensive umbilical cord panel



# Why Umbilical Cord Testing?

Maternal drug use has increased over the last decade with a baby born every 15 minutes with neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS).<sup>1</sup> **Umbilical cord testing (UCT)** provides a controlled method for diagnosing and can be collected on all newborns at the time of birth.





CLASS	9145UC	9352UC	9351UC	9146UC
ALCOHOL BIOMARKER				
ETHYL GLUCURONIDE				Х
AMPHETAMINES				
AMPHETAMINE	Х	Х	Х	
METHAMPHETAMINE	Х	X	Х	
MDA	Х	Х	Х	
MDEA	Х	Х	Х	
MDMA	Х	Х	Х	
CANNABINOIDS	'			
DELTA-9 CARBOXY THC	Х	Х	Х	
DELTA-9 THC	Х			
STIMULANTS				
BENZOYLECGONINE	X	X	X	
COCAETHYLENE	X	/ /		
COCAINE	X			
OPIATES	1 11			
6-MONOACETYLMORPHINE-FREE	X	X	Х	
CODEINE-FREE	X	X	X	
HYDROCODONE-FREE	X	X	X	
HYDROMORPHONE-FREE	X	X	X	
MORPHINE-FREE	X	X	X	
NORHYDROCODONE	X			
NOROXYCODONE	X			
PCP	1 11			
PHENCYCLIDINE	X	X	X	
METHADONE			Λ	
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METHADONE EDDP	X	X		
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BARBITURATES				
BUTALBITAL	X	X		
PHENOBARBITAL	X	Х		
BENZODIAZEPINES	T	I		I
ALPRAZOLAM	X	X		
DIAZEPAM	X	X		
MIDAZOLAM	X	X		
CHLORDIAZEPOXIDE	X			
CLONAZEPAM	X	X		
7-AMINO CLONAZEPAM	X	X		
FLUNITRAZEPAM	X			
FLURAZEPAM	X			
DESALKYLFLURAZEPAM	X			
LORAZEPAM	X			
NORDIAZEPAM	X	X		
OXAZEPAM	X	X		
TEMAZEPAM	X	X		
TRIAZOLAM	X			

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HYDROXYTRIAZOLAM	Х			
OXYCODONE			,	
OXYCODONE-FREE	X	Х		
OXYMORPHONE-FREE	Х	Х		
FENTANYL				
ACETYL FENTANYL	X			
FENTANYL	X	Х	Х	
NORFENTANYL	Х	X	X	
DIHYDROCODEINE/ HYDROCODOL-FREE	Х			
BUPRENORPHINE			,	
BUPRENORPHINE-FREE	X			
NORBUPRENORPHINE-FREE	Х			
ANALGESICS			,	
MEPERIDINE	X			
NORMEPERIDINE	Х	X		
TRAMADOL	Х	Х		
O-DESMETHYLTRAMADOL	X	X		
TAPENTADOL	X			
MUSCLE RELAXANTS				
CARISOPRODOL	Х			
MEPROBAMATE	Х			
DEPRESSANTS				
ZOLPIDEM	X			
DEXTRO/LEVO METHORPHAN	Х	Х		
CATHINONE	'			
ALPHA-PVP	X			
METHYLONE	X			
ETHYLONE	X			
SUMMARY	+		:	:
ANALYTES	57	31	13	1
CLASSES	16	12	5	1

## 9145UC

Comprehensive Drug Screen, UC Tissue

## 9352UC

Expanded Drug Screen, UC Tissue

## 9351UC

Basic Drug Screen, UC Tissue

## 9146UC

Ethyl Glucuronide Screen, UC Tissue

# What Do Neonatologists Say?

## Accuracy is so important.

Newborn drug testing is instrumental in providing accurate care for newborns with NAS. Research among **neonatologists and pediatricians** identified these top attributes as significant.<sup>4</sup>



### **Turnaround time**

24-hour turnaround for negative result and 72 hours for positive result



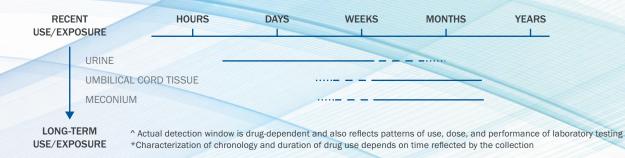
## Scope of drugs tested

 UCT provides the most comprehensive drug coverage with 57 drugs and 16 drug classes



## Window of drug detection during gestation

Longer window of detection for identification of drug use as compared to urine, and a detection window similar to meconium<sup>5</sup>





## **Comprehensive test report and interpretation**

- UCT sample is uniform and provides accurate and informative test result
- Expert toxicologist is on hand to answer your questions at 1-866-522-2206 or email Clinical@nmslabs.com



## Availability and ease of a sample collection

- ▲ Testing umbilical cord tissue is as easy as 1-2-3:
  - 1. Collect at the time of delivery
  - 2. Follow simple instructions for sample prep rinse, pat dry, and send in specimen container
  - 3. Ship to NMS for fast turnaround time and test results



# Umbilical Cord is as easy as 1-2-3:

## **Collect, Prepare and Ship**

## 1. COLLECT

- Collect at least 6 inches of umbilical cord (approximately the length of an adult hand)
- Drain and discard any blood
- Rinse the exterior of the cord segment with normal saline or sterile water
- Pat the cord dry

## 2. PREPARE

- Place specimen in the container provided in NMS Labs' Umbilical Cord Sample Collection kit (order through Client Services at 1-866-522-2206)
- ▲ Secure the lid
- Apply supplied tamper seal and affix patient label

## 3. SHIP

- Place container in specimen bag
- Complete the "Analysis Requisition And Chain Of Custody" contained in the kit or download from NMS Labs' website.
  - https://www.nmslabs.com/sites/default/files/2020-03/ Umbilical Cord Requisition Form 2020.pdf
- Mark or affix label ("Umbilical Cord") on external shipping container
- Send to NMS Labs
- ▲ Ship with a cold pack

## **Unacceptable Specimens**

- Cords soaking in blood or other fluid
- ▲ Formalin-fixed tissue
- Decomposed tissue
- Specimens received without a cold pack













# **Newborn Toxicology Sample Types**

	URINE	MECONIUM	NMS LABS UMBILICAL CORD
EASE OF COLLECTION	Difficult	Moderate	Easy
WINDOW OF DETECTION	Days	(2nd &) 3rd Trimester	(2nd &) 3rd Trimester
SPECIMEN AVAILABILITY	Universal	80-90% of time	Universal
SPECIMEN SIZE	Variable (milliliters)	Variable (Grams)	6 inches
COMPOSITION	Homogeneous	Heterogeneous	Homogeneous
STABILITY	More Stable	Noted problems with some drugs	More Stable
TESTING TURNAROUND TIME	Hours (if performed in same hospital as birth)	1-6 Days	1-3 Days



## Trusted mass spectrometry process

- Greater resolution to identify, quantify and distinguish drugs of abuse
- · Superior sensitivity to immunoassay
- · Reliable results with trusted accuracy



## Largest panel on the market

- Comprehensive Drug Panel covering 57 drugs and metabolites and up to 16 drug classes
- Additional panels to meet your needs



## **Consultation & Interpretation**

- · Expert toxicologists on hand to answer your questions
- · Detailed reporting highlighting detected substances



## Strict chain-of-custody protocol

- Clinical laboratory rooted in forensic principles ensuring sample integrity
- Reporting and COC can be used in legal proceedings



### **Quick turnaround times**

- 24 hours initial negative screen
- 48 hours positive confirmation report
- · 72 total hours turnaround time



#### **Enhanced Efficiencies**

- NMS Labs works with all national laboratories
- · No additional process required
- Send samples through send out provider using their interface

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