

The Health of Canada's Children and Youth: A CICH Profile Genetics and Paediatric Health

Section 7 - Emerging Issues

7.1.5 Newborn Screening: Important Questions



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As the technological frontier expands, it is possible that whole genome sequencing may supplant newborn screening programs. Before doing so, there are many important questions:

- · How will we make decisions about the use of this technology and how will we evaluate its use?
- · Who decides which conditions will be screened for?
- What criteria and evidence will be used to decide which conditions to screen for?
- How will these programs be implemented?