

## **New Web-Based Training Available on Newborn Screening in Connecticut**

The Connecticut Department of Public Health is pleased to announce the availability of ***Newborn Screening in Connecticut***, a unique web-based training program specifically designed for Connecticut-based pediatricians, family physicians, nurses and physician assistants.

This web-based training features the state's foremost experts on newborn screening disorders from UCONN Health Center, the Yale School of Medicine and the Connecticut Department of Public Health. The training video is divided into 7 individual modules, each approximately 30 minutes in length. This is an excellent opportunity to earn free continuing education credits (up to 4.5 CME credits and 3.7 nursing contact hours)! To access the training go to: [www.genetrain.org](http://www.genetrain.org).

By participating in this program, you will increase your knowledge about the:

- latest newborn screening technologies
- categories of disorders included in the Connecticut Newborn Screening Program
- process for diagnostic testing and confirmation of a positive screen
- channels of communication between the medical home, DPH and clinical specialists
- appropriate medical care of children with disorders identified by the Connecticut Newborn Screening Program

Each year, more than 40,000 infants in Connecticut are screened for 41 disorders, an increase from only 11 disorders five years ago. Of these infants, approximately 2,100 or 5%, have a positive newborn laboratory screen result. Connecticut has established a highly coordinated system of testing, tracking, referral, confirmatory testing, diagnosis, and treatment in which pediatricians, family physicians, physician assistants and nurses all play important roles. Newborn screening reduces adverse outcomes and saves lives!

***Newborn Screening in Connecticut*** will be online through February 2010. To register and earn free continuing education credits, go to [www.genetrain.org](http://www.genetrain.org).