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## NTQA PROGRAM UPDATE



The following communication contains very important practice information including:

- changes to the multiple markers screening (MMS) requisition,
- password reset upgrades and other developments to the BORN Information System (BIS), and
- new directions for NTQA in 2020

Don't fall behind! Please read the following email and review all links/attachments.

**New Standardized  
Multiple Marker Screening (MMS)  
Requisition**

**April 1, 2020**

One of Prenatal Screening Ontario's (PSO) mandates is to help health-care providers choose and arrange the best screening tests possible for their patients, in the clearest and most efficient way. With this in mind, PSO has worked with the provincial multiple marker screening (MMS) labs to develop a standardized requisition.

**This new requisition form  
will come into effect on April 1, 2020.**

The updated requisition form for all three Ontario MMS labs (Trillium Health Partners-Credit Valley Hospital, Mount Sinai Hospital, and North York General Hospital) can be found on the [PSO website](#).

Additional documents with helpful hints on how to fill out the ultrasound information section of the MMS requisition for patients requesting enhanced first-trimester screening (eFTS) can be found on the [NTQA Resources and Point of Care Tools webpage](#).

Please review the following information package (link below) to learn how changes to the new standardized MMS requisition will affect ultrasound practitioners.

[New MMS Requisition - Information for Ultrasound Practitioners](#)

**It is important that you review these documents. Incorrect or missing information on the eFTS requisition can negatively affect how quickly a patient receives a risk assessment and how a risk assessment is calculated.**

Please share this information with your colleagues!

#### **Important Note on NIPT**

Patients may present for NT ultrasound following NIPT. They will have a requisition for NT ultrasound, but they will not have the paperwork for eFTS blood work.

It is important that these patients receive an ultrasound. The NT measurement assists in the diagnosis of not only chromosomal abnormalities but also structural issues (i.e., heart defects, etc.).



## THIS BIS IS ON THE MOVE! March 23, 2020

The BORN Information System (BIS) is moving to a new platform with an updated look and feel on **March 23, 2020**.

### What does this mean for ultrasound practitioners?

- Access to the BIS from all internet browsers (Google Chrome) and devices (cell phone, iPad).
- New multi-factor authentication (MFA) to enhance security and protect your information.
  - When you log in to the new BIS, you will be required to enter your username, password, and a numeric code sent to your MFA method
  - All ultrasound practitioners will authenticate by phone
- Password Resets *You spoke, we listened!*
  - No matter where you are or when you access the BIS, you will be able to use the "forgot password" link to change or update your password.

### Resources

- The guides below will assist you in logging into the new BIS.
  - [Logging in for the First Time](#)
  - [Existing BIS User](#) - Authenticate with PHONE
  - [New BIS User](#) - Authenticate with PHONE

If you have any challenges with your first-time log-in, please contact the BORN Information System Helpdesk 1-855-881-BORN (2676) or [helpdesk@BORNOntario.ca](mailto:helpdesk@BORNOntario.ca)

# BORN Information System

**Downtime: March 20 @4pm - March 23 @6am EST**

We want to make you aware of a **planned downtime** for the BORN Information System (BIS).

We'll be using this time to ensure a smooth transition to the new BIS which will offer enhanced security, more capacity to our infrastructure and faster overall service.

Follow your **BORN downtime procedures** during this time (if applicable to you).

Thank you! If you have any questions, please contact your BORN Information System lead.



## NTQA Program in 2020

Below is a list of activities that we recommend ultrasound practitioners complete to maintain their NT credentials and the level of skill required for adequate NT practice.

**Curve Auditing Requirement:** View your personalized NT performance distribution bi-annually.

**Image Auditing Recommendation:** Participate in the FMF UK NT image audit annually.

**BIS Profile Requirement:** Update all requested information in BIS profile annually.

Visit the ["For Sonographers"](#) pages on the PSO website for instructions on how to:

- interpret your personalized performance distribution
- participate in the FMF UK annual image audit

- view your personalized performance distribution and update your contact details



If you have questions or concerns regarding the above information, please do not hesitate to contact Prenatal Screening Ontario at 1-833-351-6490 or [psobornontario.ca](mailto:psobornontario.ca).



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