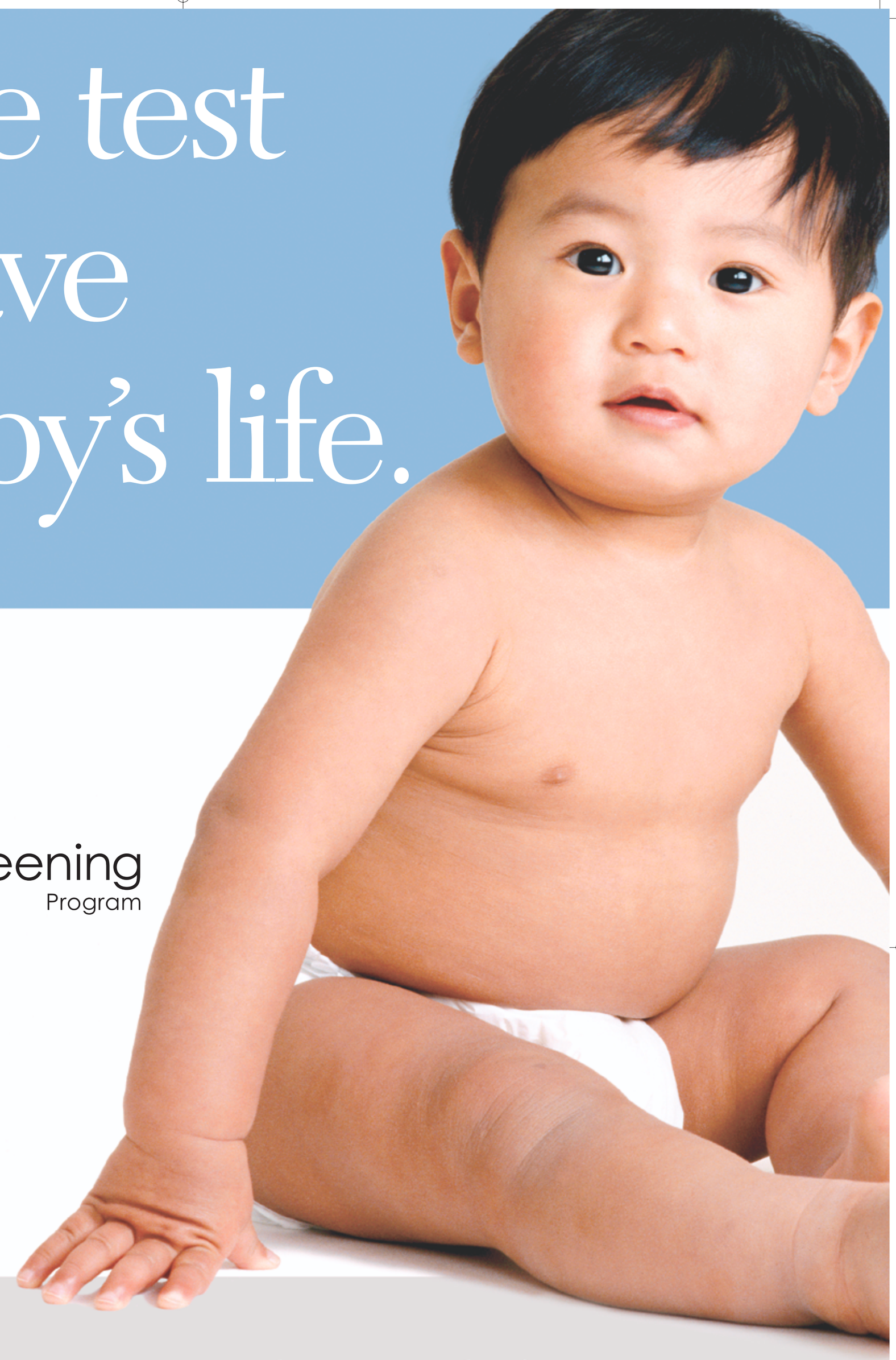
# A simple test could save your baby's life.



Georgia
Newborn Screening
Program

## What is Newborn Screening?

Newborn Screening is a series of tests that detect specific disease in newborn babies that can cause serious illness, mental retardation, or even death if not detected early and treated.

## What disorders does Newborn Screening detect?

Georgia currently tests all its newborns for certain metabolic, endocrine, and hemoglobin disorders including Phenylketonuria (PKU), Congenital Hypothyroidism, and Sickle Cell diseases.

## Who is tested?

The law requires that all babies born in Georgia be tested. Since 1969, Georgia has screened over two million babies.

## When is testing done?

Testing should be done before your baby goes home from the hospital. Testing may have to be repeated if it is done too early, is improperly collected, or an abnormal result is found.

## How is testing done?

Testing is done by pricking the baby's heel and putting a few drops of blood on a special filter paper card. The card is then sent to the Georgia Public Health Laboratory where the tests are performed.

## How can I get the test results?

Ask your baby's doctor for the newborn screening results.

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## Ask Your Doctor About Newborn Screening

To learn more about newborn screening, talk with your Obstetrician, Family Practitioner, or Pediatrician. Or, visit the Georgia Department of Human Resources website at http://health.state.ga.us/programs/nsmscd

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