

#### University of Puerto Rico Medical Sciences Campus School of Medicine Department of Pediatrics



# Implementation of a Telehealth System in the PR Newborn Screening Program



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#### PR NBS Program: More than 30 years of service







	Core Conditions	Metabolic Disorders					
ACMG Code		Organic acid conditions	Fatty acid oxidation disorders	Amino acid	Endocrine Disorders	Hemoglobin Disorders	Other Disorders
PROP	Propionic acidemia	х					
MUT	Methylmalonic acidemia (methylmalonyl-CoA mutase)	Х					
СЫДВ	Methylmalonic acidemia (cobalamin disorders)	х					
IVA .	Isovaleric acidemia	х					
3-MCC	3-Methylcrotonyl-CoA carboxylase deficiency	х					
HMG	3-Hydroxy-3-methyglutaric aciduria	х					
MCD	Holocarboxylase synthase deficiency	х					
sKT	s-Ketothiolase deficiency	х					
GA1	Giutaric acidemia type l	х					
CUD	Camitine uptake defect/camitine transport defect		х				
MCAD	Medium-chain acyl-CoA dehydrogenase deficiency		х				
VLCAD	Very long-chain acyl-CoA dehydrogenase deficiency		х				
LCHAD	Long-chain L-3 hydroxyacyl-CoA dehydrogenase deficiency		х				
TFP	Trifunctional protein deficiency		х				
ASA	Argininosuccinic aciduria			х			
сп	Citrullinemia, type I			х			
MSUD	Maple syrup urine disease			х			
HCY	Homocystinuria			х			
PKU	Classic phenylketonuria			х			
TYRI	Tyrosinemia, type I			Х			
СН	Primary congenital hypothyroidism				Х		
CAH	Congenital adrenal hyperplasia				х		
Hb SS	S,S disease (Sickle cell anemia)					х	
Hb S/sTh	S, Beta-thalassemia					х	
HbS/C	S,C disease					Х	
ВЮТ	Biotinidase deficiency						х
CF	Cystic fibrosis						х
GALT	Classic galactosemia						х
SCID	Severe combined immunodeficiences*						х

#### **Emergencies in PR in the last years**











Tasa de positividad (casos)
Basado en pruebas de antigeno

7.5%

(8.5%)

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Hurricanes Irma/María: September 2017

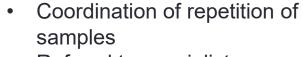
Earthquake: January 2020

COVID19: March 2020-present

## Follow-up Division-PR NBS Program







- Referral to specialists
- Coordination of confirmatory testing and other health services (nutrition, social work, access to specialized formula, etc.)
- Genetic Counseling
- Education to families and healthcare professionals





- Clinic with a pediatrician
- Collaboration with:
  - Hematology Clinic
  - Endocrinology Clinic
  - Genetics Clinic
  - Immunology Clinic
  - Pneumology Clinic

# **Telehealth Project Goals**

- To establish the first telehealth program to provide prompt follow-up to patients identified by the PR NBS program
- To obtain basic equipment for telehealth









Telehealth Certification



# **Telehealth Project**

Telehealth system will facilitate distant healthcare services by allowing:

- 1. Clinical evaluation of patients by the pediatrician from the CSHCN program collaborating with the PR NBS program
- 2. Clinical evaluation by specialists serving as clinical consultants to the PR NBS program
- 3. Clinical evaluation with specialists from USA involved in the follow-up of any case identified by the NBS service
- 4. Clinical evaluation of patients with social-economic disadvantages
- 5. Clinical evaluation of patients during an emergency
- 6. Collaborations with other medical centers in PR

By implementing a telehealth program at the PR NBS laboratory, the experience of families will improve by:

- 1)Having major access to healthcare specialists
- 2)Reducing the waiting time for appointments with specialized physicians
- 3)Obtaining on time a final diagnosis and the corresponding treatment
- 4) Having the opportunity of a multidisciplinary healthcare approach

## **Telehealth Educational Kit**









## **Telehealth Educational Kit**

Survey to be completed by families about the telehealth experience

Evaluación de Servicio	s y de Impacto de Teleme	dicina del Programa	de Cernimiento Neor	natal					
Encuesta de Satisfacción e impacto de Telemedicina									
El Programa de Cernimiento Neonatal está llevando a cabo una encuesta para conocer su satisfacción y el impacto de los servicios de Telemedicina ofrecidos. La encuesta es anónima, voluntaria y confidencial y los resultados se analizan grupalmente. Si desea no participar, eso no afectará servicios. Su participación es importante para nosotros. Agradeceremos su colaboración.									
Considera que los servio	los de Telemediolna:			Firmemente en desacuerdo					
	Firmemente de acuerdo (4)	De acuerdo (3)	En desacuerdo (2)	(1)					
1.1 ¿La información incluida en el Recurso Educativo de Telesalud le ayudó a tener mejor comprensión sobre este servicio?	0	0	0	0					
1.2 Las instrucciones ofrecidas previo a su consulta por Telemedicina ¿le ayudaron a sentirse más preparado para la misma?	0	0	0	0					
1.3 ¿La consulta por Telemedicina respondió a las necesidades que usted tenia?	0	0	0	0					
1.4 ¿La consulta fluyó de forma organizada de principio a fin?	0	0	0	0					
1.5 ¿Recomienda el uso de consulta por Telemedicina a otras familias?	0	0	0	0					
1.5 Luego de la consulta por Telemedicina, diria que ¿se siente satisfechola con la misma?		0	0	0					
¿Cômo prefiere las consultas médicas del Programa de Cernimiento Necnatal?     2.1 Telemedicina     2.2 Presencial									
3.1 No cuento con equ 3.2 No cuento con le c 3.3 Desconozco el pro	rento para lograr la conculta por ulpo para hacer consulta por Tele conexión de internet necesaria pa oceso para conectarme a una cor para conectarme no fueron clara:	medicina ra consultas por Telemedi isulta por Telemedicina		ha.					
3.5 No experimenté bu 3.6 Otras barreras ider	arreras para mi consulta por Telei ntificadas (especifique)	medicina							

## **Future Goals**

- Provide internet options to families
- Collaborate with pediatric centers around the island to provide telehealth services



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