Emerging Issues in Newborn Screening

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Key Considerations

Timeline Trade-offs

Deliberate approach vs. speed

Capacity

Potential for the number of nominations to outpace Committee capacity.

Equity

 Does the RUSP nomination process favor conditions whose stakeholders have more resources? Does it limit conditions whose stakeholders have fewer resources?

Questions to Start the Discussion

- Is the system biased towards conditions that have more resources?
 - Should the Committee actively monitor conditions which are good candidates for nomination?
- Should the Committee consider a process that reviews groups of conditions at once (multiplexed reviews)?
 - How would this impact states and other components of the newborn screening system?
- Does FDA approval of a treatment = treatable disorder?
 - Should there be a streamlined process to recommend a condition for the RUSP if FDA approves a drug?
- What key stakeholders are under-represented (or not represented)?