

Pilot Study Recommendation

One Case Requirement

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Background

Pilot Study Workgroup

- Recognize and support current efforts regarding pilot studies and evaluation
- Identify other resources that could support pilot studies and evaluation
- Identify the information required by the Committee to move a nominated condition into the evidence review process (i.e., define the minimum pilot study data required for a condition to be accepted for evidence review)

What are the minimal necessary data to move a nominated condition to the evidence review process, NOT what evidence is necessary to approve a condition for the RUSP

Recommendation 3

Data should be available from pilot studies involving population-based screening of identifiable newborns.

3A) The study should be sufficiently large to identify at least one true positive newborn for the condition under consideration

3B) The population included in the pilot study, and the screening protocol used, should be similar to the US population and to state NBS programs with respect to known prevalence of the condition, the timing and approach to screening, and the screening modality used.

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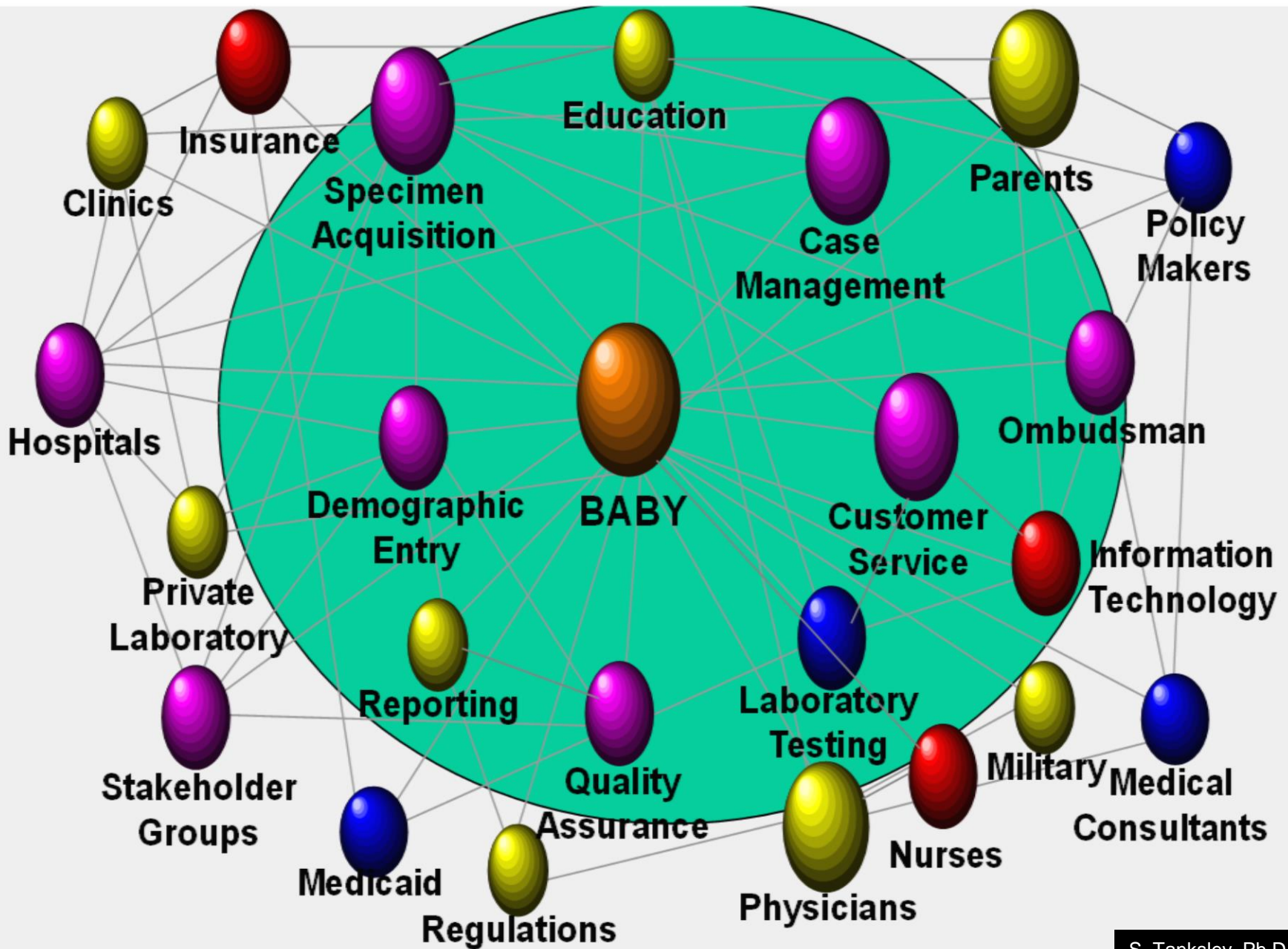
Nomination

Evidence Review
9 months

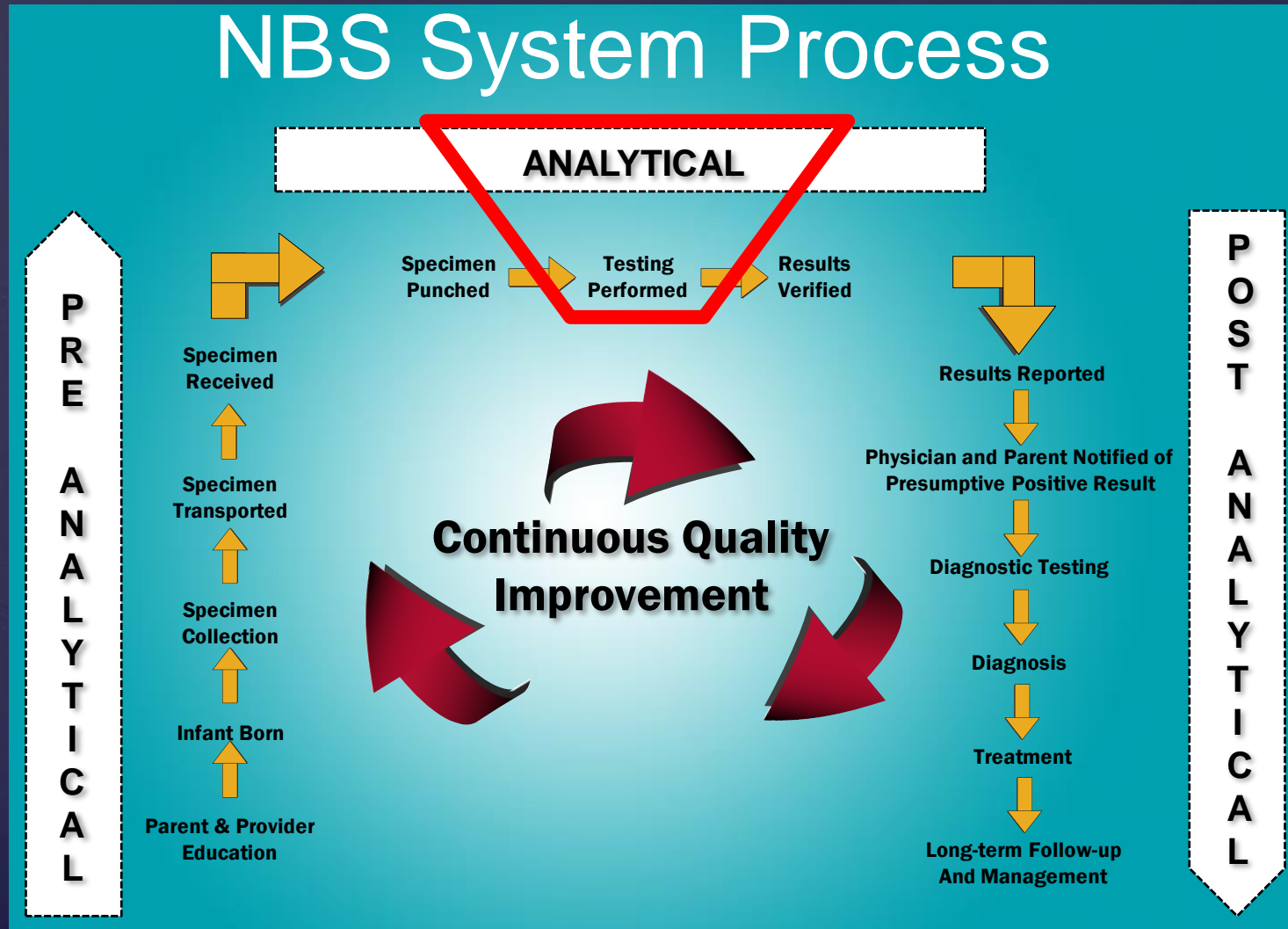
RUSP

Are sufficient data available to allow for a thorough evaluation of the nominated condition in evidence review?

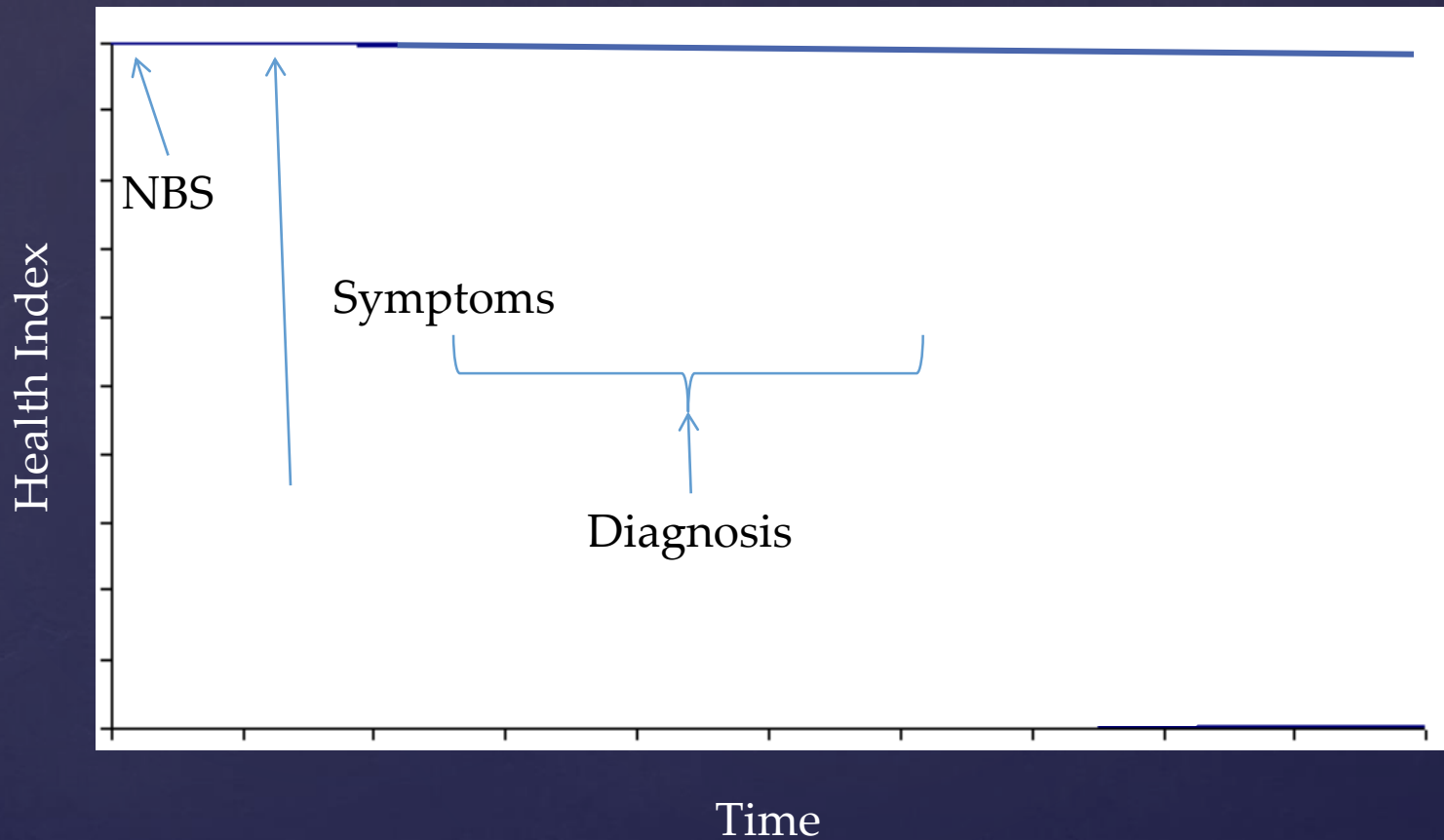
Are the data robust enough to warrant recommending 4 million babies be screened for a condition every year?

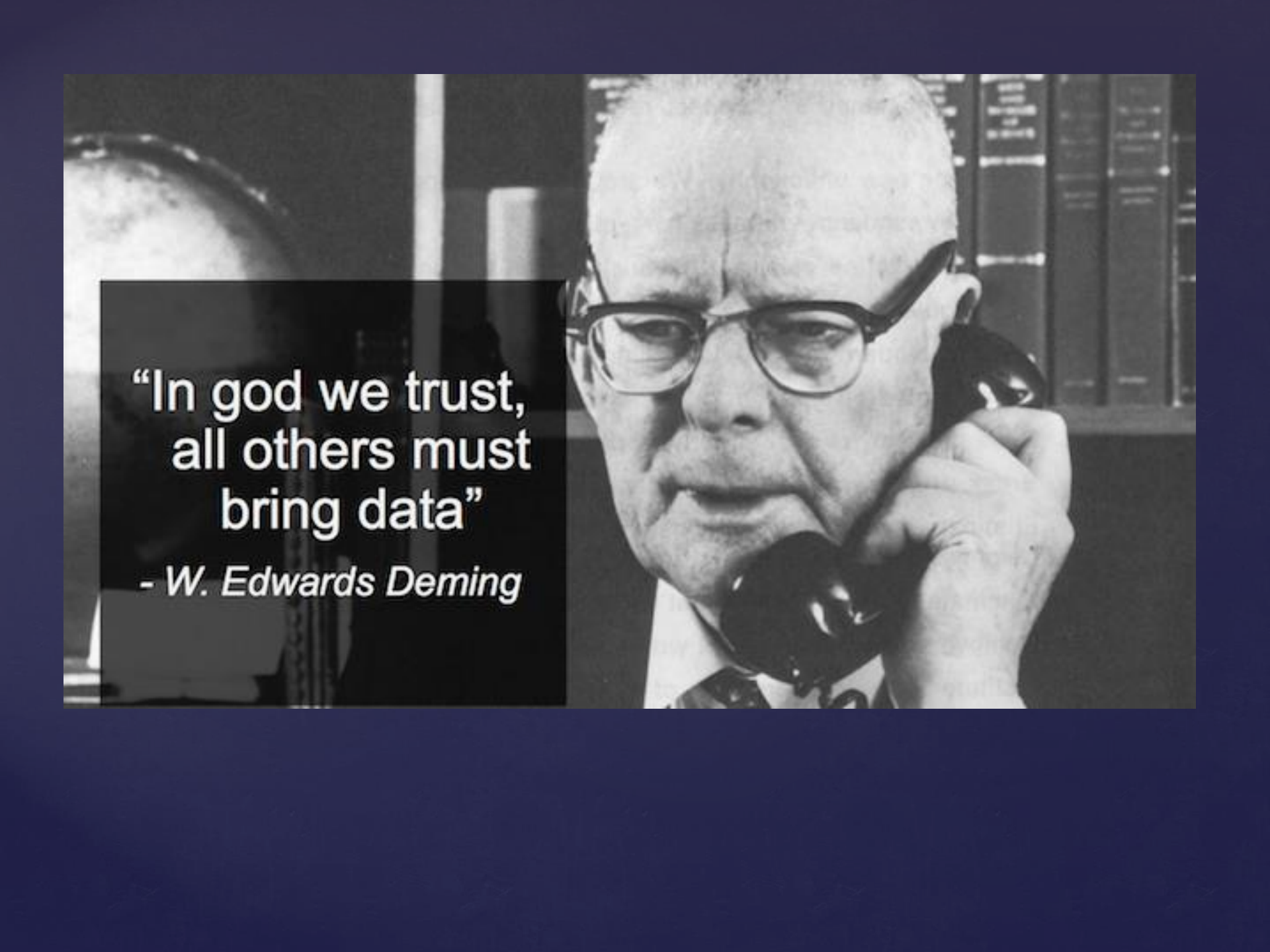


Retrospective Specimens



Natural History

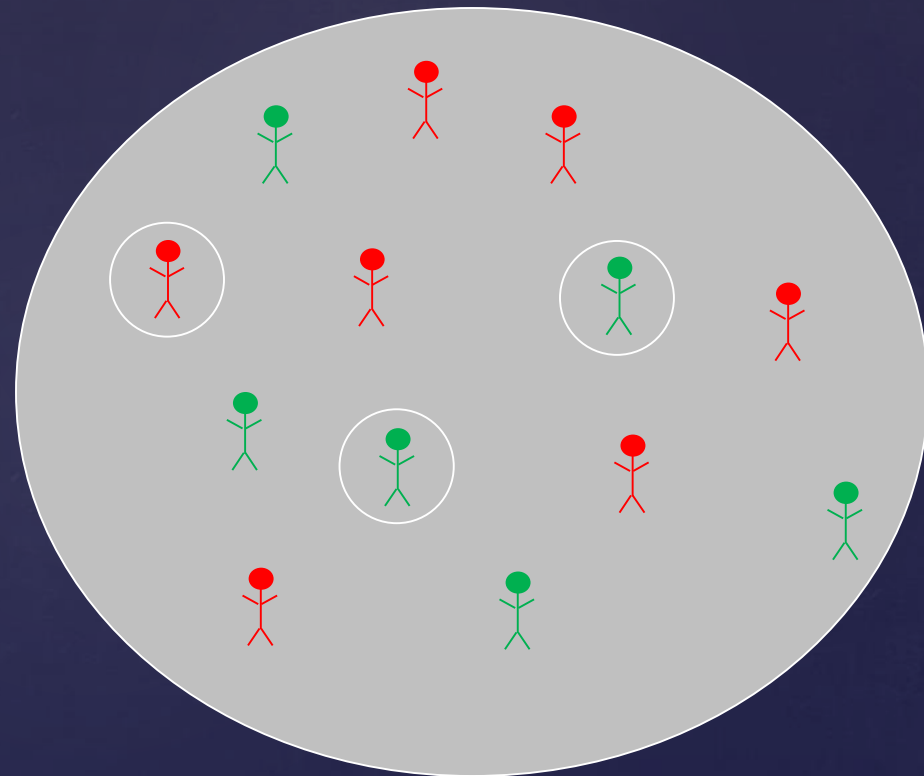
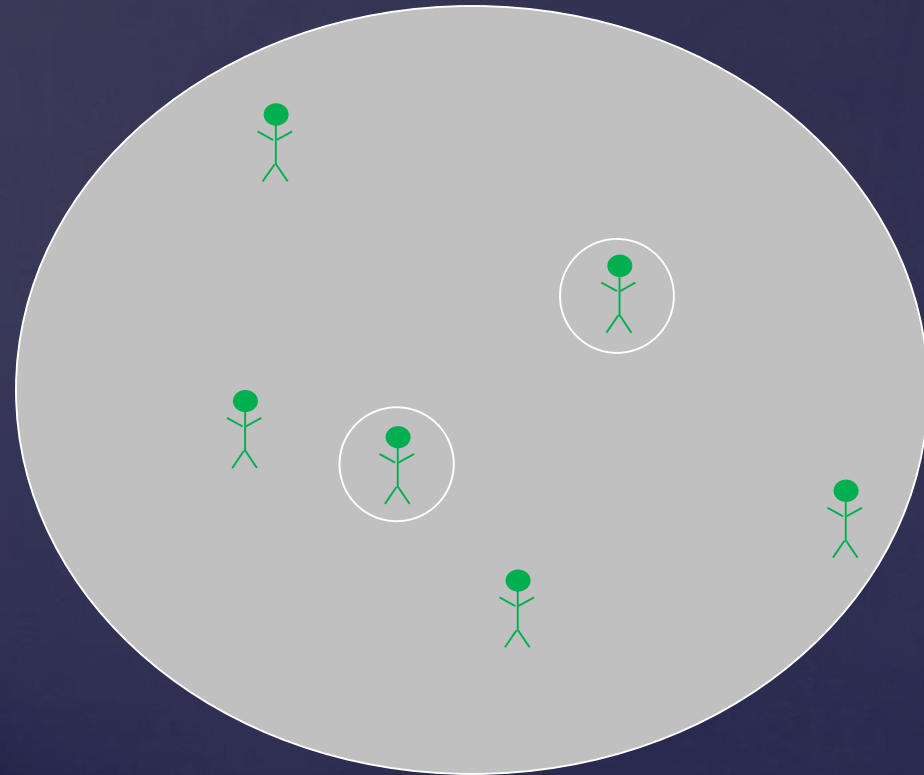


A black and white photograph of W. Edwards Deming, an older man with glasses, wearing a suit and tie, talking on a rotary telephone. He is looking slightly to the left of the camera with a serious expression. The background shows a bookshelf with several books.

**“In god we trust,
all others must
bring data”**

- W. Edwards Deming

Diagnosis



Diagnosis

tory was not contributory. Routine neonatal screening for guanidinoacetate methyltransferase (GAMT) deficiency was done in this child, who was found to have a mildly elevated guanidinoacetate (GAA) level in the dry blood filter card on the fifth day of life. When recalled, his urinary GAA levels in a first sample were marginally elevated but were within normal limits in a second specimen. The likelihood of GAMT deficiency was considered to be low, although it is well known that false negative results may occur in neonatal screening programs.

Uniform Process

A lack of
uniformity
endangers the
validity of the
process



So What?

Nomination



RUSP

What is 1?

- **Data (permits analysis)**
- **Shows the entire NBS process could work to identify affected newborns (vs. retrospective specimens)**
- **Supports post-NBS incidence review (natural history)**
- **Demonstrates the diagnostic process can actually identify a true case from asymptomatic screen positives (system works, not just NBS test)**
- **Creates uniformity for the review of nominations (standard procedure)**

What is 1?

One is the minimum number of true positive newborns identified in a prospective pilot study needed to demonstrate that data exists from the NBS system to support moving a nominated condition to evidence review

& Pilot Study Workgroup
& Colleagues in Other State Programs
& Committee & Workgroup Members

Many Thanks