

MEMORANDUM

CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

TO : Seymour Kurland, City Solicitor

FROM : Joseph Paglia, Deputy Records Commissioner *Joseph Paglia*

SUBJECT: PROPOSED REVISIONS TO HEALTH CODE VIOLATIONS

DATE 7/28/89

The above proposed revisions, promulgated by the Department of Health, were received in the Department of Records on June 23, 1989, for filing and advertising.

Inasmuch as there were no requests for hearings, these proposed revisions became effective midnight, July 24, 1989.

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cc: Maurice C. Clifford, M.D., Health Commissioner

CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
REGULATIONS FOR SEROLOGY ON CORD BLOOD
FOR CONGENITAL SYPHILIS

WHEREAS, there has been a marked increase in reported early syphilis cases from 1985 (696 cases) to 1988 (2,475 cases) -- a more than three-fold increase, and;

WHEREAS, there has been a simultaneous increase in congenital syphilis during the same time period (5 cases in 1985 to 18 cases in 1988), and;

WHEREAS, congenital syphilis causes stillbirth and significant morbidity and long-term sequelae to the newborn, and;

PURSUANT to Section 5-301(b) of the Home Rule Charter and Section 6-201, 6-202, 6-203, 6-208 and 6-402(4)(b) of the Philadelphia Code, the following regulation is promulgated by the Board of Health to be added in the appropriate subsection to the:

1. Regulations Governing the Control of Communicable and Noncommunicable Diseases and Conditions, 8. Venereal Diseases, (f) Prenatal Examination, (3) Cord Blood Serology for Congenital Syphilis, and;

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2. Regulations for Maternity and Newborn Services, 5.
Care of Newborn Infants, (a) Delivery Room Care,
(14) Examination of Infant, (f) Cord Blood
Serology for Congenital Syphilis.

The regulation is to read as follows:

Every physician or midwife who delivers a newborn shall collect a sample of cord blood and submit it to an approved laboratory for an approved serologic screening test for congenital syphilis. All suspected or confirmed cases of congenital syphilis must be reported by telephone within 24 hours to the Sexually Transmitted Disease Control Program.

The regulation will expire on June 30, 1992.

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