

Special Issue

Inborn Errors of Metabolism (IEMs): Advances in Diagnosis and Treatment

Message from the Guest Editor

Newborn screening for Inborn Errors of Metabolism (IEMs) is one of the most important public health initiatives of this century. It was initially introduced in the 1960s as a part of the population screening for malignancies conducted by Dr. Robert Guthrie, who had previously realized that blood from a newborn baby's heel onto filter paper could be eluted and tested for phenylketonuria. Subsequently, other amino acid disorders, organic acidurias, and some urea cycle disorders could similarly be tested.

For several years, a single disorder was diagnosed through a single test. In the past, tandem mass spectrometry (MS-MS) was performed in order to test as many infants as possible in the newborn period. Currently, there is much discussion on whether it would be more beneficial to move to whole exome sequencing. However, there is also concern about cost and the interpretation of the results.

This Special Issue welcomes submissions of original research articles, review papers, and opinion pieces to share the latest findings, experiences, and perspectives on newborn screening and clinical management for inborn errors of metabolism (IEMs).

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