

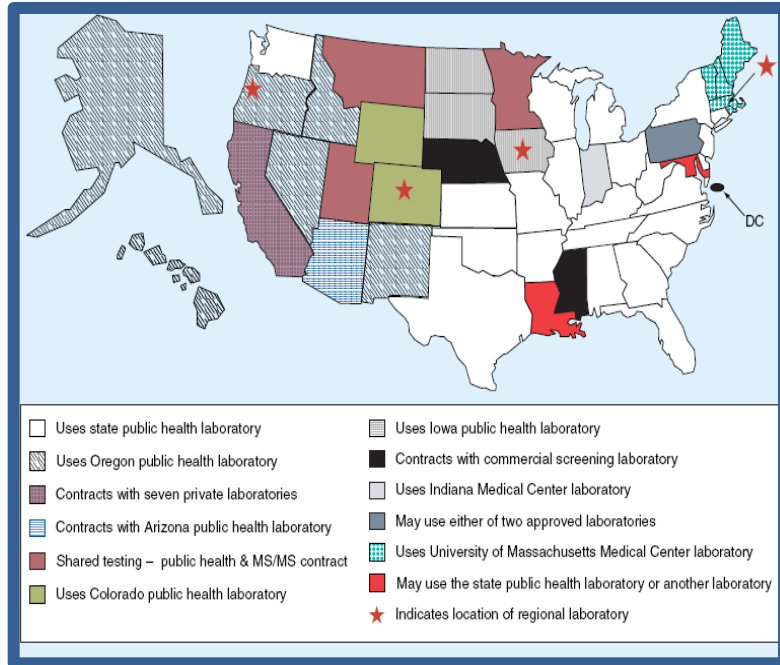
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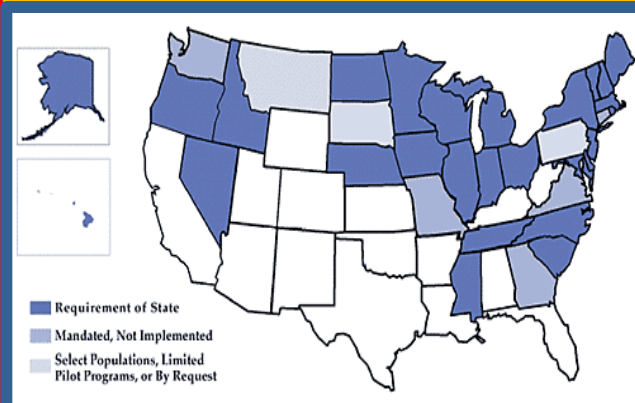
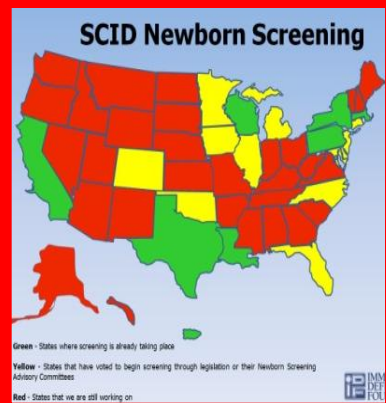
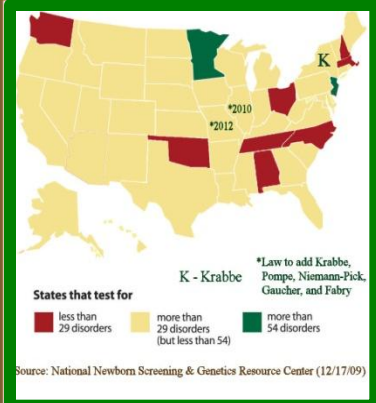
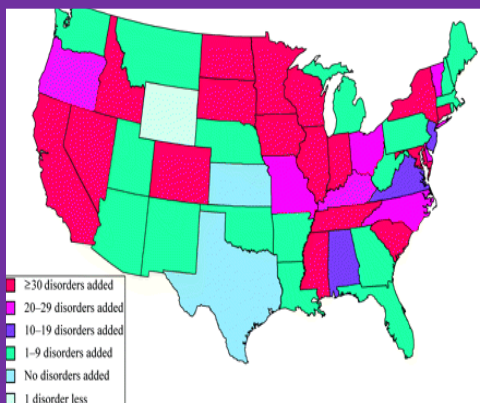
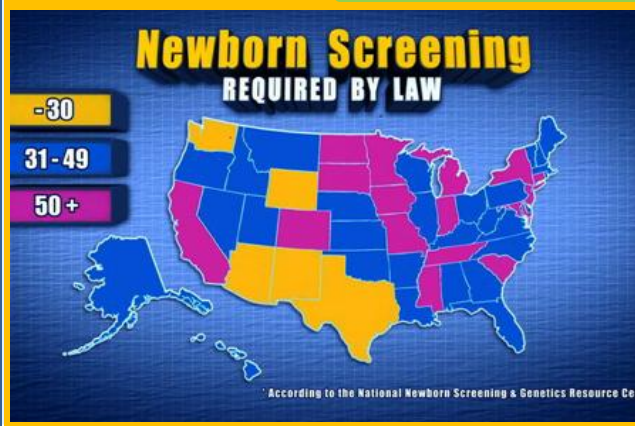
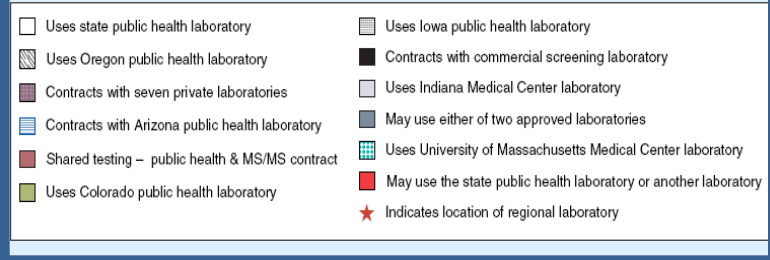
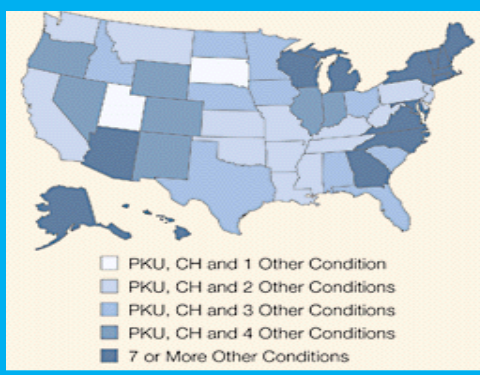
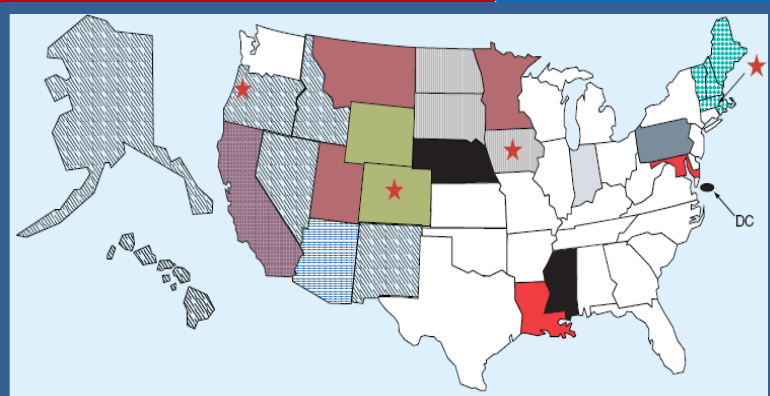
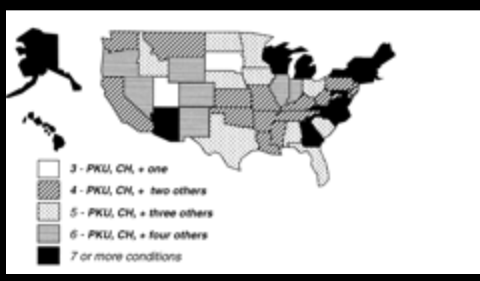
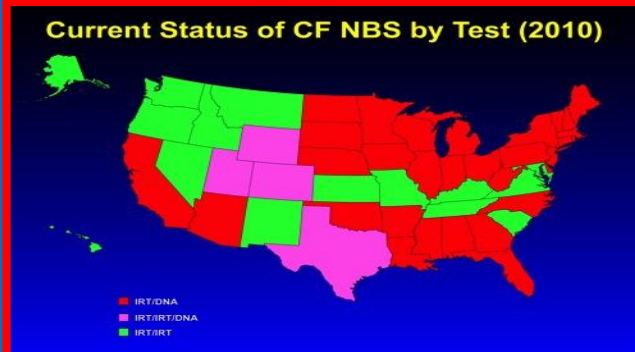
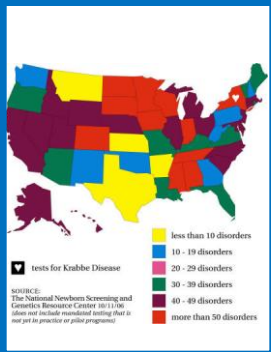
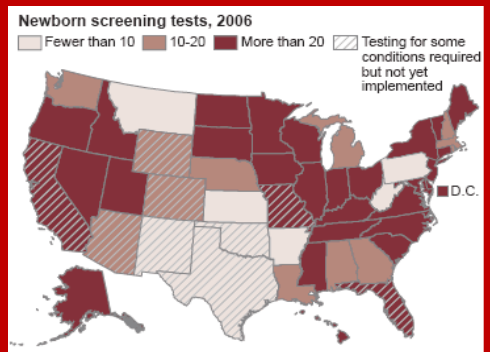
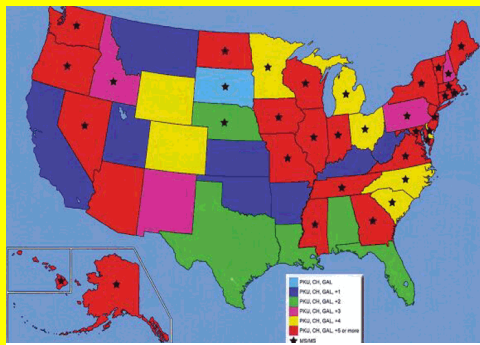
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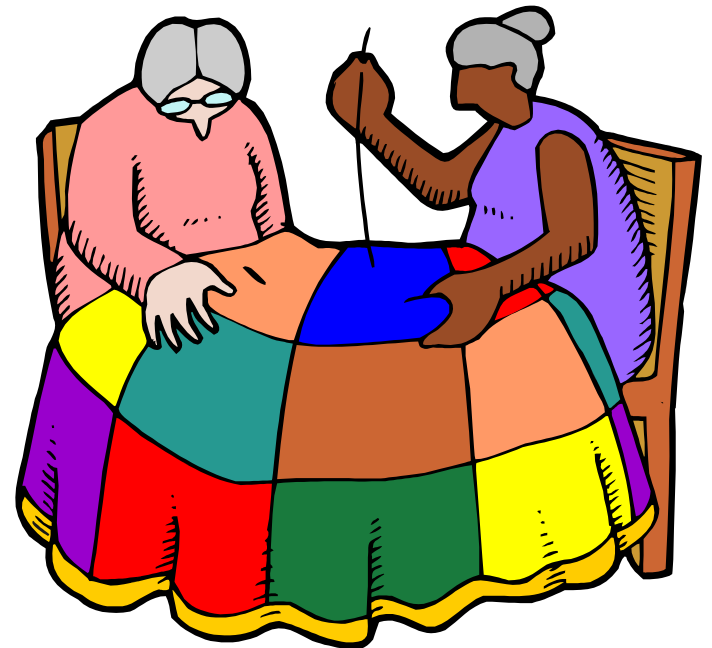
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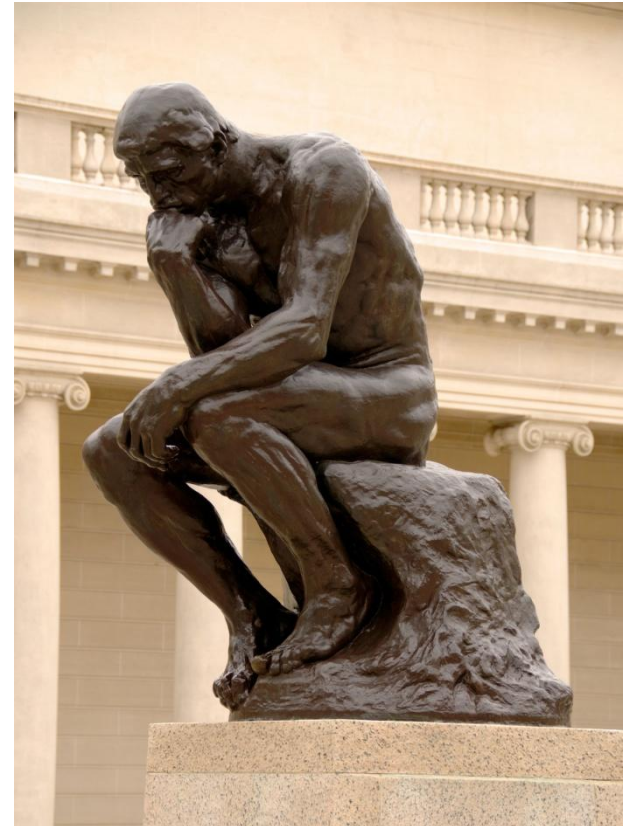
NBS Patchwork

- Screening Panels
- Laws and Regulations
- Fee Structure
- Screening Algorithms
- Follow-up Strategies
- Policy Making Process



Policy Analysis 101

- ① Carefully define the problem
- ② Gather the data
- ③ Analyze the data
- ④ Identify policy options
- ⑤ Refine the analysis
- ⑥ Make a decision
- ⑦ Evaluate changes



Historical Context

- Steps 1-6 of policy analysis were done as we considered CF screening algorithms
- Pressure because of IRT/IRT choice
- We've attempted to make improvements to standard IRT/IRT

⑦ Evaluate changes (IRT/IRT)

- Yearly review of NBS screening data
- False(-) ascertainment efforts
- New proposed screening method: IRT/IRT/DNA

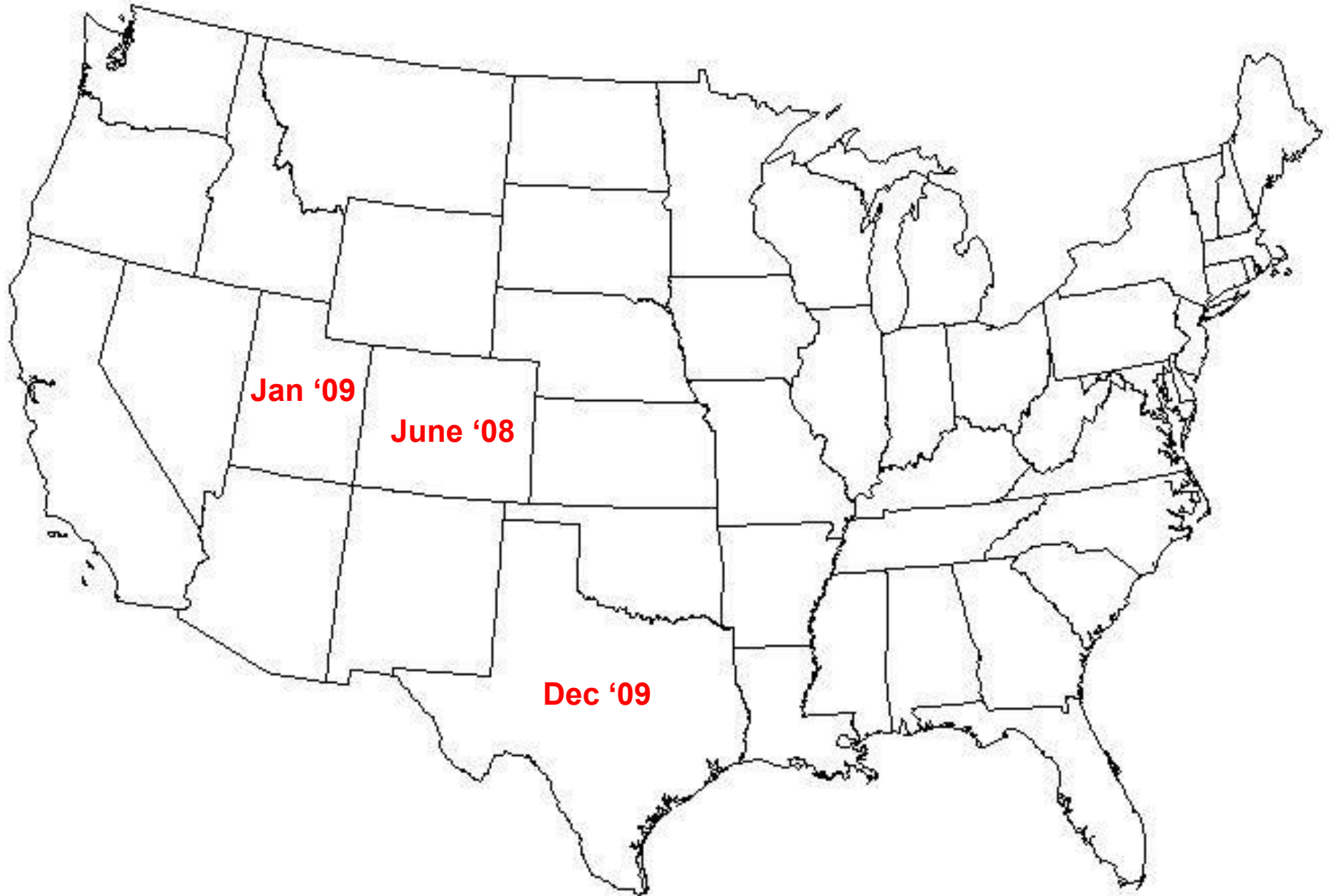
**AN IMPROVED NEWBORN SCREENING ALGORITHM
IN COLORADO: IRT/IRT/DNA**

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In Colorado, 318 infants with CF (non-meconium ileus) have been diagnosed with CF by a two tiered immunoreactive trypsinogen (IRT/IRT) based newborn screening approach. The IRT/IRT algorithm has been recently adopted by other screening programs with two mandatory screening tests. While most infants in Colorado have been successfully identified, the program has had a missed case rate of approximately 5%. The more common approach to CF newborn screening is the IRT/DNA method in which the blood spot of infants with an initial elevated IRT is tested for the most common CF mutations. The initial IRT cutoff is lower in the IRT/DNA programs than in the IRT/IRT programs, resulting in a lower missed case rate. The considerable number of carriers identified through the IRT/DNA approach puts a significant burden on the genetic counseling community, as carriers are identified at a rate of 1/20-1/25 of positive IRTs. We propose an IRT/IRT/DNA newborn screening algorithm that will maximize sensitivity and specificity while minimizing the number of identified carriers. Using new database technologies in the newborn screening lab we will be able to identify those infants with an elevated first IRT (>60ng/ml, approximately 97th percentile). All infants with an IRT >60ng/ml will have a

(Poster at 2007 NACFC)

IRT/IRT/DNA



② Gather the data

- Roundtable at last symposium
- Fantastic collaboration with CO, UT and TX
- Data shared on common spreadsheet



③ Analyze the data

- Reviewed the data and asked questions
 - Examined birth demographics for each state
 - Calculated rates based on CO, UT and TX experience – applied those to WA birthrate
 - Added a new column for WA data to compare screening performance
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④ Identify policy options

Policy Options

- Status quo
- Hybrid method (limited DNA)
- IRT/IRT/contract DNA (UT)
- IRT/IRT/in house DNA (CO & TX)

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Considerations

- NBS performance
- Impact to NBS lab (\$)
- Impact to NBS follow-up
- Impact to CF clinics
- Impact to individual families

④ Identify policy options - matrix

IRT/IRT/DNA matrix

Per 83,000 births	NBS performance	Impact of NBS lab	Impact to NBS follow-up	Impact to CF clinics	Impact to individual families	Miscellaneous
Status quo	Sensitivity=97.85% Specificity=99.96% PPV (referral)=30.7%	Equipment: no Δ Staff time (FTE): no Δ	Initial elevated IRT=361 Subs. elevated IRT=531 SwCl referrals=52	SwCl referrals=52	Need 2 nd NBS=361 SwCl referrals=52	*Pressure to incorporate DNA
Hybrid method? -IRT/IRT/ Δ F508 -equivocal IRT/IRT/DNA		Equipment: ? Staff time (FTE):?				
IRT/IRT/contract DNA (Utah/Ambry)	Sensitivity=100% (so far) Specificity=99.98% PPV (DNA)=13.9% PPV (referral)=57.6%	Equipment: TBD # DNA tests: 168-1713* Staff time (FTE): TBD	Initial elevated IRT=1628 SwCl referrals=41	SwCl referrals=59 Genetic counseling referrals (carriers)=16	SwCl referrals=59 Carriers identified=16	*Ambry turn-around=7-10 days
IRT/IRT/in house DNA (Colorado/Luminex)	Sensitivity=96.30% Specificity=99.97% PPV (DNA)=6.4% PPV (referral)=40.0%	Equipment: TBD # DNA tests: 322-588 Staff time (FTE): TBD	Initial elevated IRT=2404 SwCl referrals=52	SwCl referrals=125 Genetic counseling referrals (carriers)=25	SwCl referrals=125 Carriers identified=25	
IRT/IRT/in house DNA (Texas/Hologic)	Sensitivity=96.83% Specificity=99.92% PPV (DNA)=1.3% PPV (referral)=14.8%	Equipment: in cost/test # DNA tests: 874-953 Staff time (FTE): TBD	Initial elevated IRT=1946 SwCl referrals=78	SwCl referrals=399 Genetic counseling referrals (carriers)=39	SwCl referrals=399 Carriers identified=39	Failsafe protocols: high number of carriers and false(+) SwCl tests

TBD= to be determined

DNA options – cost estimates for DNA testing (does not include staff time)

Cutoff Scheme/Method	Δ F508 only – in house	Hologic – in house (42 mutations)	Luminex – in house (39 mutations)	Ambry - contract (33 mutations)
Utah (168-1713*/year)	~\$2,800	~\$7,000	~\$10,000	~\$13,700
Colorado (322-588/year)	\$5,500-\$10,000	\$13,500-\$24,700	\$19,300-\$35,300	\$26,400-\$48,200
Texas (874-953/year)	\$14,800-\$16,200	\$36,700-\$40,000	\$52,400-\$57,200	\$71,600-\$78,100

* effect of floating cutoff – our estimate is biased high because we took the median cutoff value and applied it to the WA population.

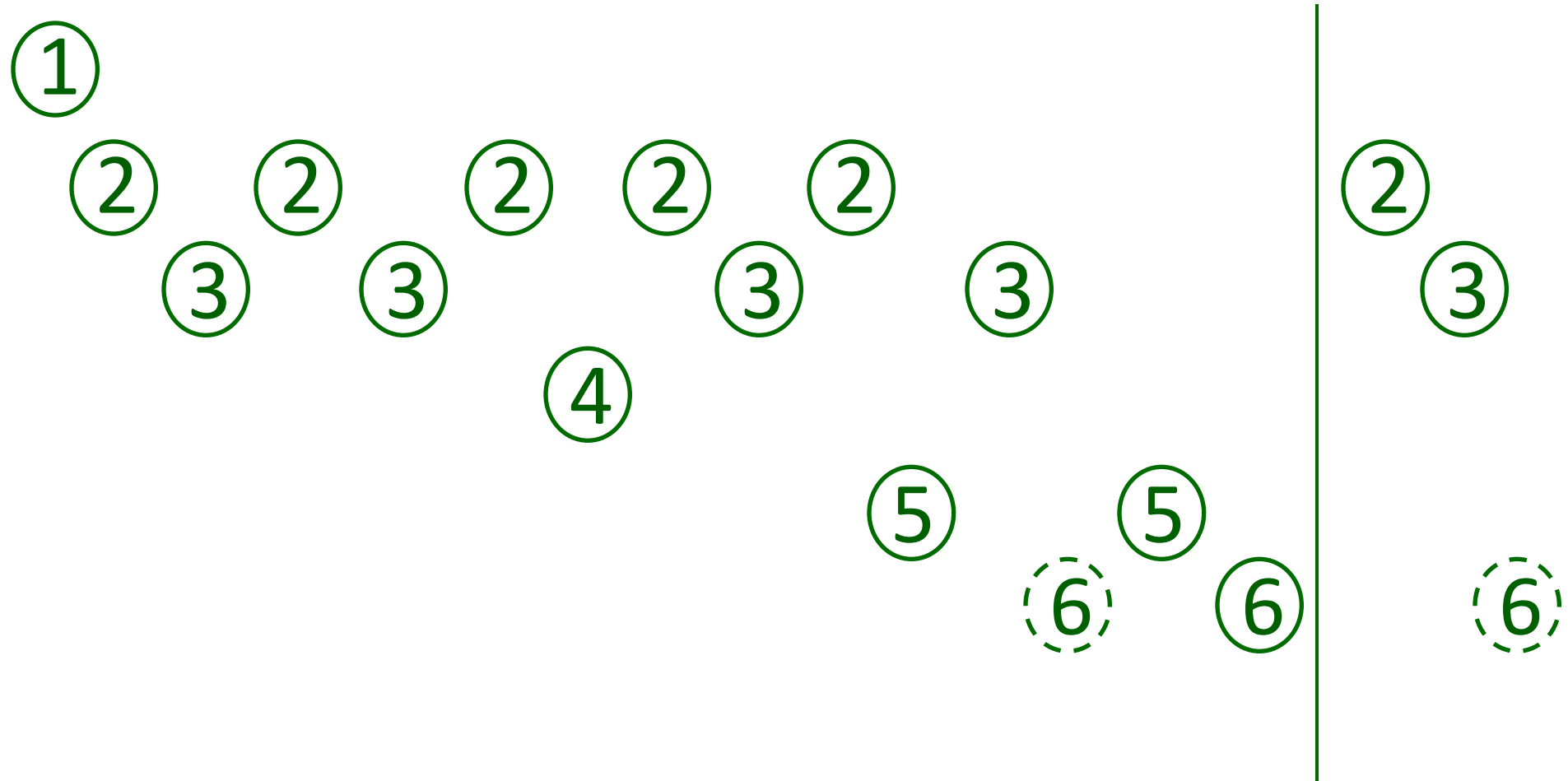
⑤ Refine the analysis

- Preliminary presentation during summer conference to all CF providers in region
 - Internal DOH meeting
 - External meeting with CF specialists
 - CF center director
 - NBS consultant – pediatric pulmonologist
 - CF nurse coordinator
 - Genetic counselor
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⑥ Make a decision

- Recommendation to NBS program director:
 - Maintain status quo
 - Continue to monitor IRT/IRT/DNA
 - Reevaluate in 2 years time
 - ~2 million screened
 - kinks in algorithms should be worked out
 - CF specialists were less comfortable
 - Intersect of clinical and public health realms
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Policy Analysis: simple idea/complex reality





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