



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

No. 2018- 0168

TO : **DIRECTOR OF DOH-REGIONAL OFFICE IV-A,
HEADS OF NEWBORN SCREENING CENTERS,
DIRECTOR OF NEWBORN SCREENING REFERENCE
CENTER AND OTHER CONCERNED BUREAUS**

SUBJECT : **Panel of Experts as part of the Accrediting Team to
Evaluate the Reaccreditation of Newborn Screening
Center-Southern Luzon**

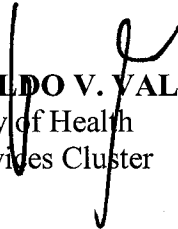
All accredited Newborn Screening Centers (NSCs) in the country undergo a joint evaluation conducted by the DOH-Health Facilities and Services Regulatory Bureau (HFSRB) and the Newborn Screening Reference Center (NSRC) as part of their accreditation process in compliance with Section 12 of Republic Act No. 9288 otherwise known as the Newborn Screening Act of 2004.

The Newborn Screening Center – Southern Luzon, presently located at Daniel O Mercado Memorial Medical Center in Tanauan City, is scheduled to undergo reaccreditation review on **June 4, 2018**. The composition of the panel of experts to complement the HFSRB accrediting team are as follows:

- 1. Bradford Therrell, PhD**
Professor, Department of Pediatrics
University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio
and Director, U.S. National Newborn Screening and Genetics Resource Center
- 2. Associate Professor Veronica Wiley**
Head, New South Wales Newborn Screening Programme
President, International Society of Neonatal Screening
- 3. Florencio C. Dizon, MD, FPSP, FASCP**
Quality Assurance Consultant
Newborn Screening Reference Center

For your information and guidance.

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