The Advisory Committee for Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children identifies which conditions will be included on the uniform screening panel recommended for all 4 million US newborns. These decisions are made using information from a formal systematic evidence review. This study provides an example of how decision analysis has been incorporated into the evidence review process to provide estimates of the population health impact of newborn screening for nominated conditions.

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