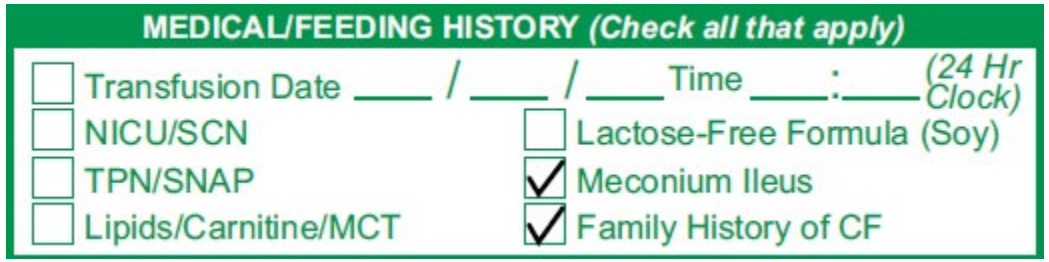
# Newborn Screening Tip of the Month
# Cystic Fibrosis – Did you Ask?

- The section snipped from the NBS demographic form is NOT only for use in the NICU.
- For <u>every</u> infant, the question regarding family history of Cystic Fibrosis needs to be asked.




- When screening for Cystic Fibrosis, the public health lab performs a 2-tier test.
- If tier #1 (IRT level) is elevated, the specimen undergoes tier #2 testing (molecular).

- An infant with a family history of Cystic Fibrosis needs a second (#2) tier test (molecular), regardless of the IRT level.
- Without asking the family, and without that check mark, infants at increased risk for CF could miss out on the needed molecular portion of the screen.
- An infant with meconium ileus will also receive an automatic molecular level screen.