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OUWSOM Doctor Studies Hyperbilirubinemia in Infants.

One way to tell that the **Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine** is becoming established is to note when papers start being published by authors identifying themselves as being part of the OUWSOM. In the October 2009 issue of the journal **Pediatrics**, **Jeffrey Maisels**--of the OUWSOM Department of Pediatrics and the Beaumont Children's Hospital Division of Neonatology--published **Hyperbilirubinemia in the Newborn Infant >35 Weeks' Gestation: An Update With Clarifications** (Volume 124, Pages 1193-1198). The paper examines hyperbilirubinemia (increased levels of **bilirubin** in the blood) in infants, and concludes:

"we recommend universal predischarge bilirubin screening using total serum bilirubin (TSB) or transcutaneous bilirubin (TcB) measurements, which help to assess the risk of subsequent severe hyperbilirubinemia. We also recommend a more structured approach to management and follow-up according to the predischarge TSB/TcB, gestational age, and other risk factors for hyperbilirubinemia."

SUMMARY

Jeffrey Maisels--of the OUWSOM Department of Pediatrics and the Beaumont Children's Hospital Division of Neonatology--published study on hyperbilirubinemia in newborn infant.

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