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You will be given the results of the pulse ox before you leave the hospital. A passing pulse ox screen does not pick up all heart conditions. If your baby does not pass the pulse ox screening, more tests will be done.

If you have questions about pulse ox, you should ask the nurse or doctor caring for your baby. Also, if you have any concerns about the health of your baby after you go home, please talk to your baby’s doctor.



To do the pulse ox, a sticky strip with a small red light will be placed on your baby's foot and right hand.

Para hacer la prueba de “pulso ox,” se le pondrá una cinta adhesiva con una luzcita roja, en el pie y la mano derecha de su bebé.

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