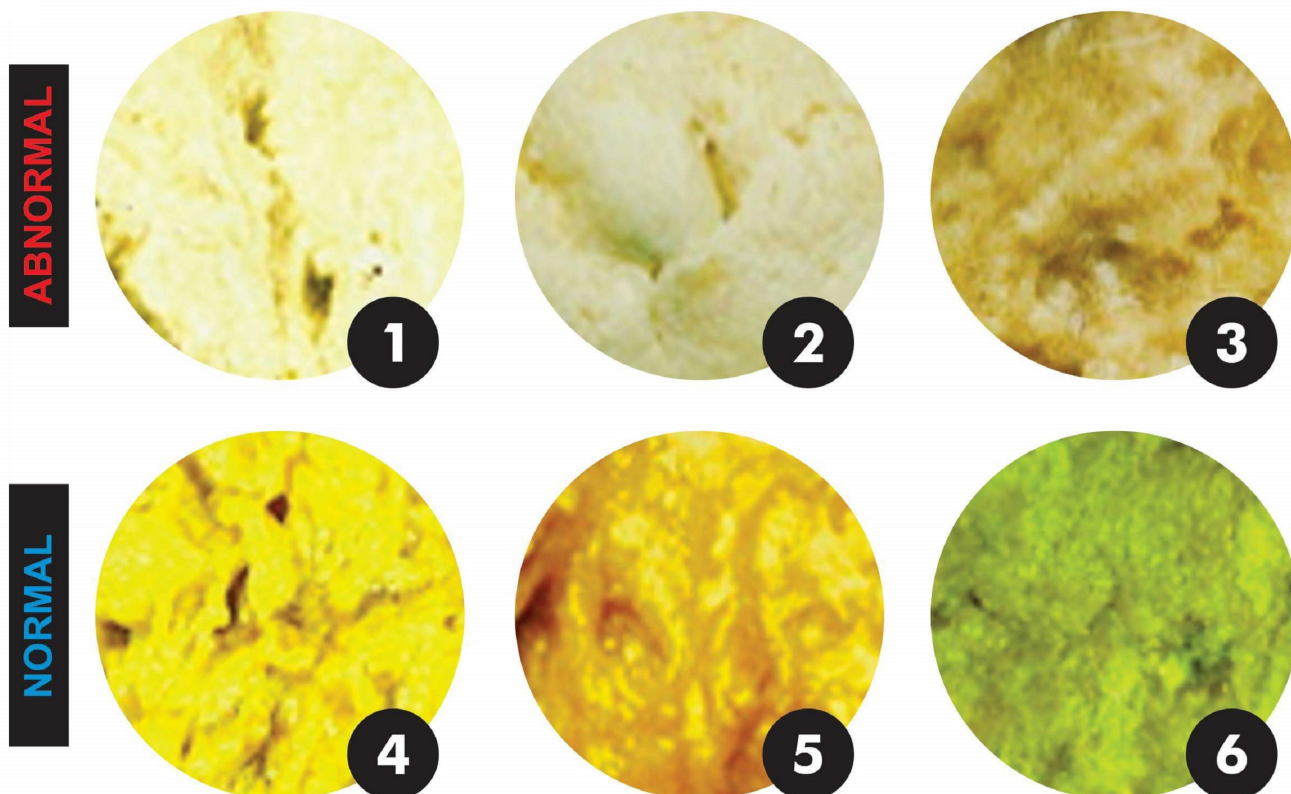


SCREENING FOR LIVER DISEASE IN INFANCY



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It is important to monitor the stool color of infants during the first 2 months of life as some liver diseases may present with pale colored stools.

If the stool color is abnormal, work up for liver disease must be done immediately.

All jaundiced neonates older than 2 weeks of age should have a fractionated bilirubin test done as soon as possible. An elevated direct bilirubin level (>1 mg/dl or >17 μ mol/L) warrants urgent evaluation by a specialist.



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