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NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING

Your child has been scheduled for a hearing test. For infants, the audiologist uses objective testing to determine whether or not your child's ears are receiving sound normally. The audiologist may also perform a few tests of middle ear and inner ear (cochlea) function. Normal hearing, as you know, is important for developing speech and language.

The type of testing conducted in our office is appropriate for babies between 1 day and 3 months old that have not yet had their hearing screened (i.e. born at home) or failed only 1 newborn hearing screening in the hospital. If your child has failed more than 1 newborn hearing screening, has other medical concerns, has been in the NICU, or has a family history of hearing loss, you may be referred for another pediatric audiology center for more comprehensive testing.

PROCEDURES: The baby is brought into a quiet room where soft probe tips are gently inserted into the baby's ears to present several different sounds and to check the mobility of the baby's eardrum. **The baby must sleep during testing:** resting in a car seat, stroller, or parent's arms. While your baby sleeps, recordings are made from your child's ear, allowing us to determine the ears' ability to process sounds.

Bring the baby sleeping. If awake, please make sure your baby is tired and hungry. You will be given an opportunity to feed the baby and put the baby to sleep if necessary. The test can **only** be done when baby is **sleeping**!

- The testing is painless.
- Test time is approximately 15 minutes after the baby falls asleep.
- Baby may use pacifier during testing.
- Test results will be given to the parent(s) verbally after testing is completed.
- Written report of this test may be sent to the child's pediatrician or other doctor/agency at your request.

The benefits of this test are to provide you with information about your child's hearing and to contribute to the clinical management of infants and young children with hearing loss. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at 210.8190.5002.