

JOB DESCRIPTION

Position: Newborn Hearing Screening Technician

Accountable to:

Position Summary: Responsible for carrying out automated newborn hearing screening tests on all newborns

Summary of Responsibilities:

- 1) Evaluate and prioritize infants to be screened prior to discharge from hospital based on established protocol. Factors considered include:
 - a. Time of birth
 - b. Estimated discharge time, ensuring that LOS is not prolonged for hearing screening
 - c. Need for 2nd screening prior to discharge
 - d. Baby state
- 2) Perform automated hearing screening tests
 - a. Inform parents of infant prior to screening, and answer parent questions
 - b. Identify any risk factors for hearing loss
 - c. Perform automated screening test using designated equipment, strictly following established protocols and procedures
 - d. Inform parents of results of hearing screening, answering any questions after test
 - e. Provide parents with written information to take home about hearing loss and speech and language milestones
 - f. Refer any “problem cases” or questions unable to answer to program coordinator and/or supervising audiologists
 - g. Assist parents in scheduling appropriate follow-up appointments if infant does not pass the hearing screening.
- 3) Document screening test results and high risk factors in medical record and newborn hearing screening log as indicated by screening protocol
- 4) Follow established infection control procedures
- 5) Utilize appropriate baby handling skills
- 6) Recognize problems with screening equipment, troubleshoot as necessary and report any recurrent or unresolved problems to program coordinator
- 7) Recognize potential problems with infant and/or major medical equipment and report problems to appropriate personnel
- 8) Monitor inventory of supplies and report supply needs to program coordinator. Maintain appropriate supply levels with screening equipment
- 9) Complete billing sheets for all hearing screenings performed and submit to program coordinator