

Hearing Screening

How to prepare your baby

Your baby is scheduled for a hearing screening test. The two tests used to screen your baby's hearing are called the Brainstem Auditory Evoked Response (BAER) and the Evoked Otoacoustic Emission (EOAE). The results of the tests will tell us if your baby has normal hearing or if more testing is needed. If more tests are needed, another appointment will be scheduled before you leave the clinic.

Your baby's appointment is on:

How do I prepare my baby for the tests?

- Your baby's ears need to be clear of wax and middle ear fluid or infection so that we can obtain the best test results. You will need to call your baby's regular doctor and arrange for an ear check one day before your scheduled appointment with us.
- Dress your baby in comfortable clothes so they may sleep better for the test.
- Try not to let them sleep on the way to the hospital, so that they are sleepy at the time of the test.

What happens the day of the test?

Please allow 90 minutes for this appointment.

- Your baby needs to be asleep for these tests.
- You will be able to stay in the room with your baby and the audiologist during the test.
- You can feed your baby before the test if needed.

To cancel or change an appointment:

If your baby is sick or the doctor has found their ears are not clear, please call us to reschedule. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Audiology family services coordinator at 206-987-5173.

To Learn More

- Audiology, any location
206-987-5173
- Ask your child's healthcare provider
- seattlechildrens.org

Free Interpreter Services

- In the hospital, ask your nurse.
- From outside the hospital, call the toll-free Family Interpreting Line, 1-866-583-1527. Tell the interpreter the name or extension you need.



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Seattle Children's offers interpreter services for Deaf, hard of hearing or non-English speaking patients, family members and legal representatives free of charge. Seattle Children's will make this information available in alternate formats upon request. Call the Family Resource Center at 206-987-2201. This handout has been reviewed by clinical staff at Seattle Children's. However, your child's needs are unique. Before you act or rely upon this information, please talk with your child's healthcare provider.

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