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