

Hearing Screening Results

Baby's Name: _____

Hospital Name: _____

Date of Screening: _____

Right Ear: Pass Refer

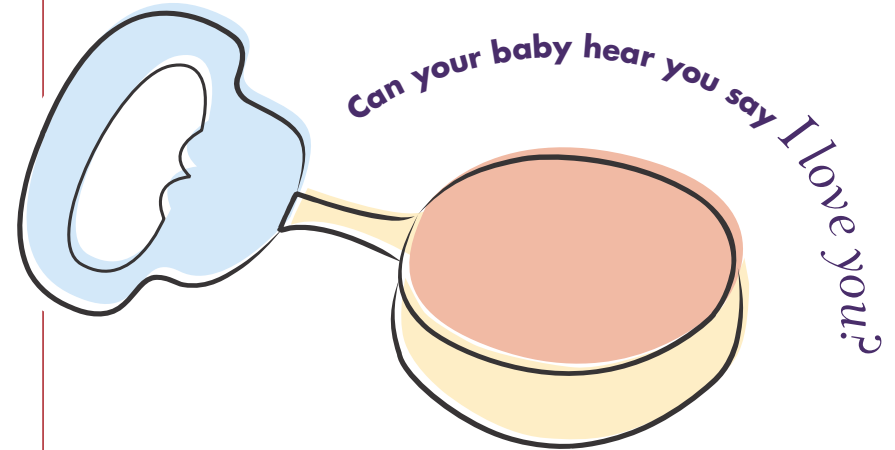
Left Ear: Pass Refer

Notes:

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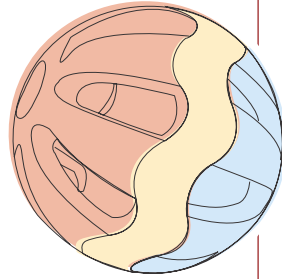
A test that says volumes. From the minute your baby is born, he or she is learning how to talk to you by listening to you speak. Because that connection between the two of you is so important, we evaluate your baby's hearing before you leave the hospital. Newborn hearing screening takes only a few minutes and is very accurate.

The good news... Your bundle of joy passed. *Congratulations.*



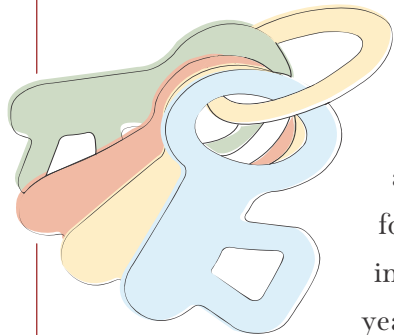
How it works

While your baby is resting in a quiet room in the nursery, tiny earplugs or earphones are used to test your baby's hearing. A series of sounds are played and your baby's response is recorded.



The value of hearing tests

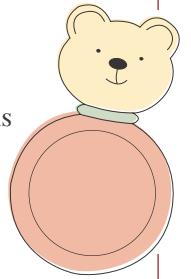
On average, three out of every 1,000 babies have a hearing loss. Because babies cannot tell us they don't hear, they need to be tested. Fortunately, a baby's hearing can be effectively tested at birth. Discovering a loss early means early treatment, and the chance that your baby will not miss out on important learning experiences. A loss of hearing can change how your child develops, both socially and educationally. Children who receive treatment before 6 months of age can develop language skills normally.



Your baby can hear now but hearing can change. For example, ear infections can affect hearing. Three out of every four children have at least one ear infection by the time they are 5 years old. Keep a watchful eye out for possible changes in hearing.

What you can do

- Call your doctor or nurse if you have any questions or concerns about your child's hearing.
- Be sure your child takes all of the medicine that the doctor prescribes for ear infections.
- Go to follow-up visits to be sure the infection is gone.
- Keep your child away from anyone who is smoking or who has a cold.



The future

Use this chart to keep track of the wonderful milestones ahead. Hearing tests can be done at any age. If you suspect that your child has a hearing problem, contact your child's doctor or nurse as soon as possible.

Age	Hearing Strides
0 to 3 months	Jumps or startles to loud sounds. Calms when hears a familiar voice.
3 to 6 months	Turns head or moves eyes to find your voice. Plays at making noises and sounds. Enjoys rattles and noise-making toys.
6 to 12 months	Turns head to soft sounds. Reacts to hearing name. Understands easy words such as "no" and "bye-bye." Babbles. Loves rhymes.
12 months +	Says a first word such as "da da" or mama." Understands many words. Follows simple spoken directions.