

# Risk Assessment and Hearing History

## Ages

One month through 20 years

## Purpose

To assess risk factors for lost to follow-up, delayed onset, progressive and acquired hearing loss

## Equipment

C&TC, Early Childhood Screening hearing worksheet, School hearing worksheet or other documentation form.

## Procedure

*Review the following:*

- For infants newborn to one month of age or any initial C&TC visit of a child up to the age of three years:
  - Universal newborn hearing screening is required for all newborns by one month of age using either otoacoustic emissions (OAE) or auditory brainstem response (ABR) technology.
  - If an infant did not receive newborn hearing screening, it is recommended that an objective screening, OAE or ABR as appropriate, be performed as soon as this gap in screening is identified.
- For all children:
  - Review: JCIH Risk Indicators and Observed Complaints and Behaviors
  - Monitor developmental milestones and caregiver concern. This is especially important until pure tone audiometry screening can be performed, typically at three to four years of age.
- **For youth 11 through 20 years**, review Indicators of Noise Induced Hearing Loss.



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