

Hearing Skill Assessment: Visual External Inspection of the Ear

Purpose: To check for signs of external ear disease or abnormalities

Name _____ Date Trained _____

Observed by _____ Date Observed _____

Equipment Needed	Yes	No	Comments
1. No Equipment is needed for this procedure	N/A	N/A	

Facilities	Yes	No	Comments
2. Child positioned in front of screener in a well-lit room without distractions			

Procedure (for children post newborn through 20 years)	Yes	No	Comments
3. Screener inspects the pinna, the external auditory canal, and the area around it for any abnormalities including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Position of ears in relation to the head <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Notes set or tilt of the ears ▪ Skin tags or pits/fissures on the ear or in the area surrounding the ear. ▪ Signs of infection: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ear tenderness ▪ Redness of the ear or surrounding area ▪ Swelling/edema ▪ Drainage coming from the ear canal ▪ Foul odor coming from the ear canal ▪ Dermatitis 			

Documentation of Screening Procedure	Yes	No	Comments
4. Screener clearly identifies PASS criteria: Normal appearance of all parts of the external ear.			

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5. Screener clearly identifies REFER criteria for any noted abnormalities of the external ear: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Referral of abnormal ear position, skin tags, pits/fissures, or dermatitis. ▪ Screener stops screening procedure if signs of infection are present; provides referral to health care provider; reschedules hearing screen. 			

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