



Pediatric Therapies for Independent Lives

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Dear Parents:

Thank you for choosing Hear 2 Learn as the evaluator for your child's hearing assessment. It is a pleasure and a privilege to do so. Please complete the enclosed forms, and bring them with you to your appointment in our office.

_____ is scheduled for examination in our office on _____ 2017 at _____.

Your baby's hearing will be tested by Auditory Brainstem Response (ABR) and/or Otoacoustic Emissions (OAE).

Below are some fast facts about this test.

Fast Facts About the Auditory Brainstem Response (ABR) Test

- The ABR test can be completed only if the child is sleeping or lying perfectly still, relaxed and with his or her eyes closed.
- The ABR test is safe and does not hurt
- If your child is younger than 6 months of age, the ABR test usually can be done while he/she naps.
- Sounds will be played through tiny earphones inserted in your baby's ears.
- Your baby's responses to the sounds will be measured using electrodes placed on different parts of your baby's head (ABR).
- An ABR test is often ordered if a newborn fails the hearing screening test given in the hospital shortly after birth, or for older children if there is a suspicion of hearing loss that was not confirmed through more conventional hearing tests.
- The ABR is a test of neural integrity that we use to assess your baby's hearing.

. Please allow 1 ½ to 2 hours for this appointment. Testing is quicker and easier if your baby is sleeping comfortably, and will need to sleep for up to 40 minutes

Please follow these suggestions below to ensure a successful visit with us.

Babies under 6 months

- The most important way to prepare your baby for the test is to show up with a baby that ready to sleep.
- Most young babies will sleep through the entire test if they are brought to the appointment ready for a feeding and a nap.
- Try to keep your baby awake and hold off feeding him or her until you get to the appointment.

- Once you are in the testing room and your child has been prepped for the test, you can nurse or feed your baby a bottle so he or she falls asleep naturally. Please feel free to bring any items (blanket, nursing pillow etc.) that will help your baby sleep comfortably. The test will take place while your child sleeps in your arms.

On the day of the test:

- If at all possible, it helps to have another adult in the car with you to help keep your child awake during the drive in. Often children will nap in the car and then will not sleep for testing.
- Testing is sensitive to noise and needs to be conducted in a quiet room. If possible please make childcare arrangements for other children. There is no cell phone use permitted during testing.
- You will have results the same day testing is done.

We look forward to seeing you and your baby on _____. If we can answer any questions for you in the meantime, do not hesitate to contact us. **Please remember your baby needs to be sleeping for this test.**

Sincerely



Beth Beehner
Administrative Assistant

****Please give our office 24 hours notice at 315-701-5710, if you need to reschedule. Also, please note that in the event a patient is 20 minutes late for a scheduled appointment without notice, the appointment will be canceled and will require rescheduling. Patients who do not show for two consecutive appointments will not be rescheduled.****