AUDIOLOGICAL DIAGNOSTIC EVALUATION

- Infants who have not passed initial or repeat hearing screening are referred for audiological diagnostic assessment and evaluation.

- Obtain a detailed family, birth and medical history. Address parental concerns.

- Obtain OAE. If OAE results are normal, testing may be terminated. Discuss results with parent, provide information on normal hearing, speech and language milestones.

- Perform otoscopic evaluation, as indicated.

- Perform screening ABR. If ABR screening is not passed, perform full diagnostic assessment. This may immediately follow the screening ABR.

- Discuss results and follow-up recommendations / options with parents.

- Prepare a written report interpreting test results and describing the diagnostic profile.

- If hearing loss is confirmed, refer to the primary care provider along with the report. A referral to an ENT specialist is recommended to obtain an otologic diagnosis and medical clearance for amplification.

- The audiologist will counsel the family and schedule the child for hearing aid amplification, when indicated.
Infants who fail initial screen (OAE * ABR), or who have risk factors for late onset or progressive hearing loss should be retested by 3 months of age and at 6 months intervals up to 3 years of age.

Appendix
SCREEN NOT DONE

* Contact by telephone or letter to schedule outpatient screening 1-2 weeks after discharge (OAE/ABR)

*Pass

Result to Parents & Medical Home (PMD)

*Pass

Audiological diagnostic assessment

Refer

Rescreen 1-2 weeks (by 1 month of age)

Refer

-Notify MD
-Discharge with educational pamphlet

Baby Missed

Parent Refused

*Document attempts to contact on monthly reports.