

What are my baby's hearing screening results?

Baby's Name _____

Left Ear Pass Refer

Right Ear Pass Refer

Please bring your baby back for another hearing test:

Date _____

Time _____

Place _____

Phone _____

Contact Person _____

Please call the number **above** if you have any questions or need to change your appointment.

North Carolina Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Program

We care about your baby's hearing. The EHDI program provides assistance and education to hospitals, medical providers, and others. It supports families by connecting them to available resources and helping them get the care their baby needs.

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How do I know if my baby is hearing me at home?

No one knows your baby better than you do. If you have any concerns about your baby's hearing, talk to your medical provider. Here are some things a baby with normal hearing should be able to do:

Birth to 3 months

- Startles to loud sounds
- Calms to familiar voices
- Makes sounds like "ooh"

3 to 6 months

- Looks for sounds with eyes
- Starts babbling
- Uses sounds, squeals, chuckles

6 to 9 months

- Turns head to look for a sound
- Begins to make speech sounds
- Reacts to his or her name

9 to 12 months

- Repeats simple words and sounds
- Responds to singing or music
- Correctly uses "mama" or "dada"



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My Baby's Hearing Screening

North Carolina's
Newborn Hearing Program

We care



Did You Know?

Hearing loss is invisible. No one knows which babies are born with hearing loss until they are screened.

Why should my baby be screened for hearing loss?

Hearing loss needs to be found as early as possible, so you may take actions that give your baby the best chance to develop language.

Listening in the first few months of life prepares your baby to learn to communicate. Babies who are able to hear are already learning what words mean before their first birthday.

Most babies can hear well at birth, but a few cannot. All hospitals in North Carolina test each baby's hearing before he or she leaves the hospital. It is important to be sure that your baby has normal hearing.

What is newborn hearing screening?

Your baby will have a test while in the hospital to check for hearing loss.



How is the hearing screening done?

A special machine detects your baby's response to sound. The test is simple and does not hurt. It usually takes about 10-15 minutes if the baby is sleeping or very quiet. You will get the results before you leave the hospital.

What do the screening results mean?

Pass means that your baby's hearing screening is normal at this time. Some children may develop hearing loss later.

Refer means that your baby needs to have another hearing test. Many babies who receive a "refer" result on the first test will pass future tests.

If you are ever concerned about your child's hearing or speech, talk to your medical provider about getting a hearing test.

What can cause a "refer" result?

Perhaps there was amniotic fluid in the ear, or your baby was crying or too active during testing to get an accurate result. Or, your baby may have hearing loss.

If my baby receives a "refer" result, what should I do next?

The most important thing you can do is bring your baby back for another hearing screening within two weeks.

When hearing loss is found early, there are many ways parents and professionals can work together to help babies.

Be sure your baby is hearing you!

