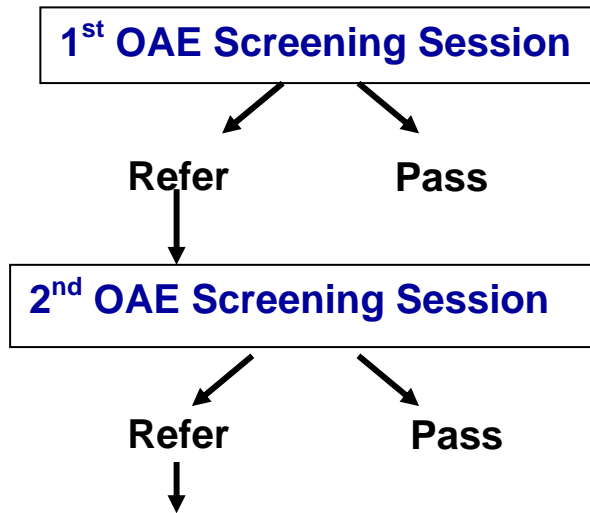
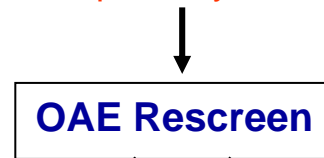


The Screening Protocol



Refer to health care provider for middle ear evaluation
Pneumatic Otoscopy or Tympanometry

After treatment has been completed and/or the health care provider determines that the pathway to the cochlea is clear



Refer Pass

Refer to pediatric audiologist



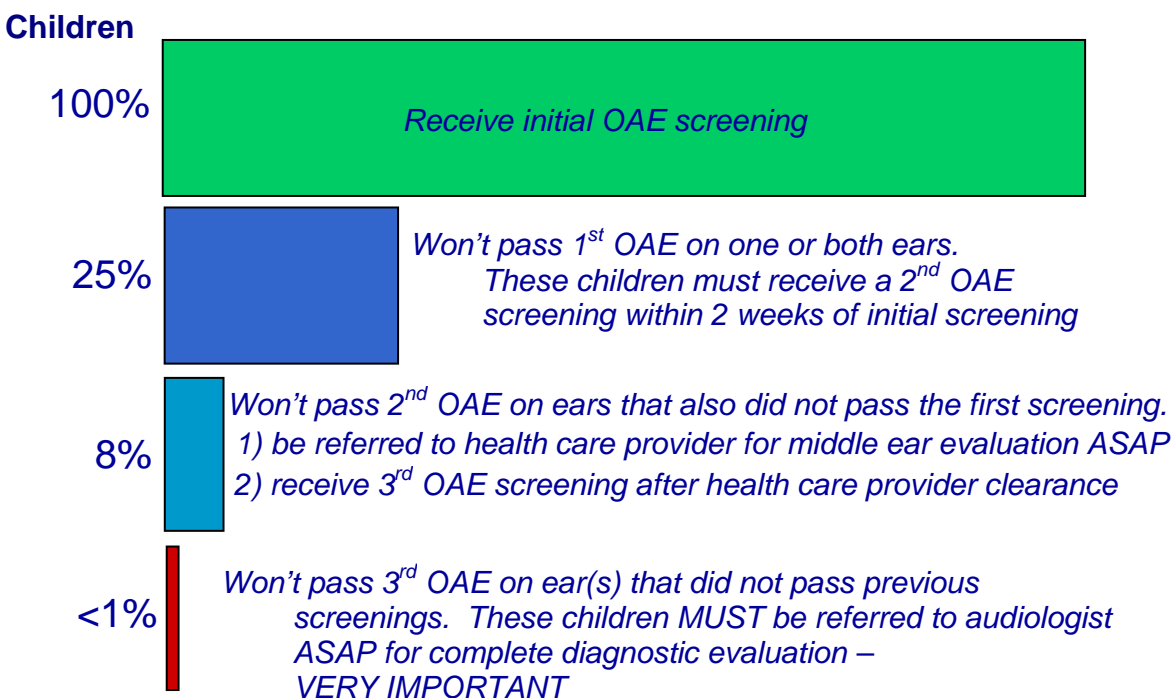
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Snapshot of Implementing the OAE protocol

With proper training and selection of appropriate equipment, it is anticipated that approximately 25% of the children will not pass the first screening and will require a second screen within 2 weeks, as shown in the figure below.

Approximately 8% of the children will still not pass the second screening and will then be referred to a health care provider for a middle ear evaluation. These children will all need to be rescreened a third time once the health care provider verifies that the middle ear is clear.

Most children will pass this third OAE screening. Less than 1% will still not pass. These children must be referred immediately for a complete diagnostic evaluation from a pediatric audiologist.



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