

7. Check any of the following where you think physicians need more assistance or information about newborn hearing screening:

- G Summaries of research about feasibility and benefits of hearing screening.
- G Materials to give parents to encourage follow-up.
- G Information about family support groups for children with hearing loss.
- G Other (specify)\_\_\_\_\_

8. What do you think is best about the newborn hearing screening program at this hospital?

9. What suggestions, if any, do you have for improving the newborn hearing screening program at this hospital?

Thank you for your help! Please return this form as soon as possible in the postage-paid envelope.

**Instructions:** Your name was selected at random from the physicians who

## Physician Questionnaire

about

## Newborn Hearing Screening in Utah



The Utah Newborn Hearing Screening Committee needs your help to improve the Universal Newborn Hearing Screening and Intervention program in Utah. Would you please take 5 minutes to answer some questions and tell us about your feelings and experiences. Your answers will be very helpful. **Thank you!**

care for newborns at one of the Utah hospitals doing universal newborn hearing screening. Please help us by answering the following questions as completely and candidly as possible. Your answers are anonymous and cannot be traced back to the individual respondent. Thank you for your help.

1. Before receiving this questionnaire, what would your estimate have been about the percentage of Utah newborns screened for hearing loss before leaving the hospital?

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| <b>G</b> less than 10% | <b>G</b> 40 - 60%  |
| <b>G</b> 10 - 25%      | <b>G</b> 61 - 80%  |
| <b>G</b> 26 - 40%      | <b>G</b> 81 - 100% |

What do you typically do when a baby, who did not pass the hearing screening test in the hospital, comes to your office? (check all that apply)

- G** I tell the parent to follow up with additional screening/diagnostic testing as soon as possible.
- G** I tell the parent to wait a few weeks to see how the baby is doing before they do any more testing.
- G** I do a behavioral test of the baby myself (i.e., make various sounds to see how the baby responds) and advise the parent based on those results.
- G** I don't usually know the results of the hospital-based hearing screening test.

3. For babies who have a permanent moderate to profound bilateral hearing loss, estimate the earliest age it is possible to:

Do a definitive test of hearing sensitivity: \_\_\_\_\_ months

Fit the baby with appropriate hearing aids: \_\_\_\_\_ months

4. Assume a newborn for whom you are caring is diagnosed with a moderate to profound bilateral hearing loss. If no other indications were present would you refer the baby for a(n)

ophthalmological evaluation	always	often	seldom	never
cardiology evaluation	always	often	seldom	never
genetics evaluation	always	often	seldom	never
neurological evaluation	always	often	seldom	never
otolaryngological evaluation	always	often	seldom	never

5. Did you know that \_\_\_\_\_ Hospital is attempting to screen all newborns for hearing loss before they leave the hospital?

**G** Yes

**G** No, go to question #6

The universal newborn hearing screening program at the hospital:

	strongly disagree	←————→					strongly agree
does a good job of involving physicians	1	2	3	4	5		
does a good job of educating physicians	1	2	3	4	5		
does a good job of dealing with parents' needs/concerns	1	2	3	4	5		
is well organized and managed	1	2	3	4	5		

6. Do you think universal newborn hearing screening programs are:

	unwise	←————→					beneficial
worrisome for parents	1	2	3	4	5		
a waste of money	1	2	3	4	5		
a poor way to find hearing loss	1	2	3	4	5		
						appreciated by parents	
						a wise way to spend money	
						a good way to find hearing loss	