Newborn Hearing Screening Protocol

for primary care clinics

If screening refused, complete newborn screening refusal form

Initial screening should be conducted at birth before discharge from the hospital or by the attending home birth midwife, contact for results.
If not done, conduct initial screen with an A-ABR or OAE, within 14 days after birth, do not perform the screening more than twice per ear at this time.

Refer to pediatric audiologist for diagnostic audiologic evaluation if no ear, partial ear, or no ear canal for one ear or both ears, or provider discretion

Pass

Do Not Pass / Refer

No Risk Indicators

Risk Indicators

Ongoing Monitoring

Ongoing monitoring for delayed onset or progressive changes in hearing

A week or two after the first hearing screening, before 1 month of age, rescreen both ears, do not perform the screening more than twice per ear at this time.

Pass

Refer to pediatric audiologist for diagnostic audiologic evaluation as soon as able or by three months of age

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