

WHAT TO EXPECT

ON YOUR NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING



WHAT IS PASS OR REFER?

Pass: Your baby's ears are working normally today. However, some babies develop hearing loss later so if you are concerned, you should always talk to your baby's medical provider about getting a hearing test.

Refer: Your baby did not pass the hearing screening and needs additional testing.

WHAT HAPPENS IF MY BABY REFERS?

If your baby refers a second time, it is very important that you make an appointment with a pediatric audiologist as soon as possible to have a complete hearing test.

HOW LONG DOES THE HEARING SCREEN TAKE?

Usually it takes 10 to 15 minutes depending on how quiet your baby is during the screening



WILL SCREENING HURT MY BABY?

NO. Most babies sleep through the screen.

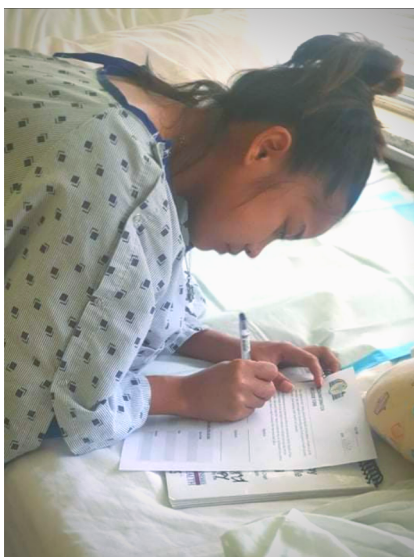
WHERE IS THE HEARING SCREENING DONE?

Your baby's hearing can be screened at this hospital, as part of the newborn hearing screening program.

WHAT CAN BE DONE IF HEARING LOSS IS DETECTED?

Hearing loss can not be determined by screening. Screening tells us if further testing by a pediatric audiologist needs to be done.

If an audiologist finds that your baby has a hearing loss he or she will talk with you about what happens next.



WHAT IF I CHOOSE NOT TO ALLOW THE HEARING SCREEN?

You will be asked to sign a refusal form and your baby's doctor will be advised of your decision. We recommend that you think about the screening. Please ask questions about your concerns. Finding a hearing loss as early as possible is critical for children to develop normal speech and language.



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If you have any questions regarding your baby hearing screening please don't hesitate to call any of these numbers.

Important Numbers:

Dr. Ulai T. Otobed Wing
(OBGYN Ward)
680-488-6102

Well-Baby Clinic @ CHC
680-488-1756/6445

BABY'S DEVELOPMENT DEPENDS ON HEARING

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