

Overview *of hospital hearing screening program*

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Identify all Infants to be Screened

All infants in Well Baby Nursery and NICU should be screened prior to discharge. Obtain and enter baby's demographic data into screening equipment. Parents should be informed about the screening.

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Screen and Rescreen

Conduct a complete and effective hearing screening. If the baby does not pass the initial screening, one or two rescreens may be needed prior to discharge. Tracking procedures must be in place to flag babies in need of rescreening.

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Document Screening Results

After screening, results are documented in the baby's medical records and noted in the hearing screening log.

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Communicate Results to Parents and Physicians

Parents must be informed of the test results and any next steps or follow-up needed. In the event of a refer, results must also be communicated to the baby's medical home.

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Report Screening Results to State EHDI Program

Most states have specific reporting requirements and methods. Accurate reporting enhances the effectiveness of state tracking and monitoring systems.