

Newborn Hearing Screening Quick Tips

1. Follow State Newborn Hearing Screening Program's recommended screening steps (yellow sheet).
2. Screen babies at least 12 hours after birth following nursing.
3. Swaddle baby before screen.
4. If baby does not pass in one or both ears, wait until after next feeding to rescreen.
5. NEVER rescreen a baby more than 2 times.
6. Use attached script (green sheet) to give parent verbal screening results (pass or refer).
7. If baby refers in one or both ears, give parent State Newborn Hearing Screening Roadmap and statewide list of audiologists who test babies.
8. If hospital allows outpatient hearing screening, inform parent of this and tell parent who will provide information about when and how to bring baby back to hospital following discharge (ex. discharge planner will inform parent).

Hearing Loss is the most common condition present at birth!

Without newborn hearing screening, most hearing loss is not identified until a child is older and experiencing the negative consequences of late identification.

Your work to screen this baby is critically important and appreciated!