Preparing your baby for a hearing test

Your baby is scheduled for a hearing test as a follow-up to the initial screening at the hospital. This comprehensive evaluation will help diagnose any hearing loss. If a loss is detected, it's important to begin intervention services early so your child can develop key communication skills.

These suggestions will help prepare your baby for the hearing test. This is usually a 2 hour appointment.

- Testing is easiest when babies are full, sleepy and feeling well. We recommend feeding your baby when you arrive for the test. A full tummy will help your baby feel calm and more likely to sleep.
- Testing may be done if your baby is awake. Bring a blanket to decrease restlessness.
- Dress both of you comfortably.
- Testing works best in a quiet environment. If siblings or small children accompany you to this appointment, you must bring another caretaker to watch them in the waiting area.
- If your baby has a cold, or is not well, please call to reschedule the hearing test.

It is not always possible to finish a hearing test in one appointment. If a second appointment is required, it will be scheduled as soon as possible.