

My baby didn't pass the hearing screening.



What do I need to know?

Not all babies pass the hearing screening the first time. You should have your baby's hearing tested again to see if he or she has a hearing loss. This is called a diagnostic hearing test.

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO FOLLOW UP WITH THE DIAGNOSTIC HEARING TEST.

The diagnostic hearing test is safe for your baby. Tiny earphones are placed in the baby's ears. The test measures your child's response to sound while he or she sleeps.

Diagnostic hearing testing will tell you:

- If your baby has hearing loss
- How much hearing loss there is
- What to do about it

Why is hearing testing important?

- Hearing loss is invisible.
- 2-3 per 1,000 babies will have hearing loss at birth.
- Untreated hearing loss can cause speech and language delays.

Children with hearing loss that is not treated:

- Have difficulty learning speech and language
- Have trouble learning to read
- Have difficulty in school

Some babies will develop hearing loss later

Newborn hearing screening can only tell you if your baby's hearing is okay at birth. Some babies develop hearing loss later. Pay attention to how well your child reacts to sounds. Also keep track of his or her speech and language development. Ask your doctor to order a diagnostic hearing test if you have any concerns.

PLEASE FOLLOW UP

Your baby has been scheduled for a diagnostic hearing test on:

Date: _____

Time: _____

Location: _____

If you need to change this appointment time or if you have questions, please call:

Name: _____

Phone: _____



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