

My Baby's Hearing – What Happens Next?

Important Follow-Up Appointment Information – Do Not Discard!

Appointment Location: _____

Telephone Number: _____

****The appointment is not yet scheduled. Your child's information has been sent to the hearing center listed above and they should be contacting you soon. If you do not receive a call within a week of leaving the hospital, please call them to schedule an appointment for a hearing test. If you cannot reach the hearing center or need help, please email: ehdi@ky.gov or call 1-877-757-4327.**

Your child needs to be scheduled for a special hearing assessment called an Auditory Brainstem Response (ABR) test and/or an Otoacoustic Emissions (OAE) test. These tests allow us to find out how your child hears without requiring them to respond to sounds. We use these hearing tests for babies and those who cannot respond to traditional testing.

How are these tests completed?

It is important that your baby be as quiet as possible during this assessment. The measurements we are taking are very sensitive to noise and movement, so it is best if your baby is asleep.

What happens the day of the test?

A parent or legal guardian must bring the child to this appointment. The test may take about 2 hours. The audiologist will share the results of the tests and any recommendations.

Please Follow These Suggestions on the Day of the Appointment:

- Wake your baby early and keep awake until you reach the audiologist's office. It may be helpful to have someone ride along with you to keep the baby awake.
- To create the best test environment, we ask that only the child receiving the test and one parent/guardian enter the test room, when possible.
- Bring a bottle, or if you breastfeed, plan to feed your baby when you arrive for your appointment.
- If your baby sleeps well in a carrier/car seat, please bring it with you.
- Please do not use lotion on the baby's head or ears the day of the appointment.



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