



Hearing Screening Result and Follow-up Process for NICU Graduates

2015

Hearing Screening Result (AABR)	Risk Indicator Present?	Follow-up Process
Passes in both ears	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Parent(s) receive information (oral, written, and culturally appropriate) regarding developmental milestones for auditory, speech, and language skills. In addition, parent(s) should be encouraged to return for audiologic evaluation if their child is not meeting these milestones, of if they have any concerns about their child's hearing at any point in the future.
Passes in both ears	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Parent(s) receive information (oral, written, and culturally appropriate) regarding developmental milestones for auditory, speech, and language skills. In addition, parent(s) should be encouraged to return for audiologic evaluation if their child is not meeting these milestones, of if they have any concerns about their child's hearing at any point in the future. ✓ Infant is referred and scheduled for hearing follow-up as per the JCIH, 2007 recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ At age 24-30 months for most risk factors in Appendix A ✓ At age 3 months or 6 months for risk factors with an asterisk in Appendix A ✓ If infant's hearing screen is normal at age three months, a complete audiological evaluation, using visual reinforcement audiometry (VRA), should be scheduled for six months developmental age. ✓ If follow-up screening is abnormal at three or six months, diagnostic ABR is performed as soon as feasible.
Does not pass in one or both ears	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ If final inpatient hearing screen is abnormal for one or both ears, the infant is referred and scheduled for diagnostic audiological evaluation as soon as feasible. When possible, diagnostic ABR should be completed while baby is an inpatient. ✓ Some NICU graduates in Minnesota receive both AABR and OAE in tandem and should complete follow-up if they do not pass either technology. Infants who do not pass an AABR screening cannot be rescreened and passed by OAE alone.
Incomplete	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ If screening cannot be completed for one or both ears, the infant is scheduled for diagnostic audiological evaluation as soon as feasible.