

What happens after my child is diagnosed with hearing loss?

It can be stressful when your child is diagnosed with something new, like hearing problems. Let us help guide your family through this.

Initial referral

- When does a child need a hearing test?
 - failed school/PCP/birth screening
 - speech delay
 - parental concerns

Evaluation with an audiologist

The audiologist will complete testing while your child is either asleep or awake.

- The audiologist will examine your child's ears to determine if they are healthy for testing.
- If your child is under 6 months, the audiologist will monitor responses from their brain via electrodes to determine hearing sensitivity while they are sleeping.
- If your child is over 6 months of age, the audiologist will evaluate their hearing by watching reactions to sounds or playing a listening game.
- If we discover hearing loss at this evaluation, the audiologist will schedule a hearing aid exam and select appointment.

Hearing aid exam and select appointment

The audiologist will complete any needed testing and help your family pick hearing devices for your child.

- Your child's hearing loss will be confirmed.
- Amplification options will be discussed
- Your family will select colors of your device and take impressions of your child's ears if necessary.
- The audiologist will give you information on how to see an Ear, Nose, and Throat specialist to medically clear your child for hearing devices.
- After this appointment, the audiologist will submit insurance authorization to your insurance to determine if hearing devices are a covered benefit. This can take 4-6 weeks. Once authorization information is received, an insurance specialist will call you with all the information on your child's benefits.
- After receiving insurance authorization and medical clearance, the audiologist will order your child's hearing device. After all equipment is received, a clinic staff member will call you to schedule the device fitting.



Safety information: Keep medicine away from children. No heavy lifting.



Helpful information: The best care is to leave the skin open to as much air as possible. This means no dressings, ointment, cream, etc.



In an emergency: Go to the emergency room or call the doctor immediately. Call 9-1-1.

Hearing concerns? Now what?

