

HOW TO PREPARE FOR THE TESTING

Please ensure you know where we are located and have sufficient time (up to 3 hours) to be at our clinic. Testing can only take place if baby is asleep. It's important to time your baby's feeding for after your arrival at the clinic. Once baby feeds (on site) then most babies fall asleep naturally in time for the testing.

If possible, please do not bring any other siblings or children to the appointment. We may need you to assist with keeping a quiet and calm environment for your baby.

TEST RESULTS

The testing will determine whether your baby does or does not have a hearing loss. Test results can also show:

1. If the hearing loss is temporary or permanent
2. The degree of hearing loss
3. And if one or both ears are affected

YOUR BABY'S DIAGNOSTIC TEST

Your baby requires a full hearing assessment. An appointment has been made:

on _____

at _____ am/pm



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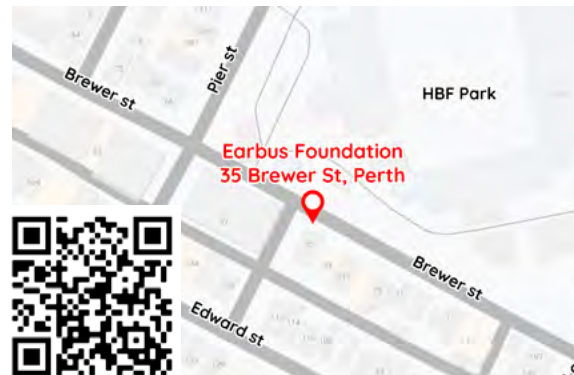
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YOUR BABY HAS BEEN REFERRED FOR A
**DIAGNOSTIC
HEARING TEST**
Information for parents



WHAT TO EXPECT IF YOUR BABY NEEDS A DIAGNOSTIC HEARING TEST

The time required for diagnostic testing can vary from 2 hours to 3 hours so allow sufficient time for the appointment. Your baby needs to be sleeping during testing to get the most accurate results. During the test your baby will have stickers/sensors placed on their head and small headphones or earpieces in their ears – very similar to the screening that has already taken place. The equipment used automatically detects baby's response to sound. The Audiologist will discuss the test results with you as they become available. In some instances, testing may require more than one appointment to complete.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO HAVE THE TESTING DONE NOW? CAN'T WE WAIT?

The earlier hearing loss is detected, the earlier intervention can begin. This is why it is important that diagnostic testing takes place within two weeks (where possible) of a second refer result. Research shows that a baby who receives early intervention has the best chance of developing normal speech and language skills.



Our experienced Paediatric Audiologists will guide you through the testing

WHY DOES MY BABY NEED A DIAGNOSTIC HEARING TEST?

Your baby did not pass the hearing screen shortly after birth. You have been referred to an Audiologist (Hearing Specialist) for a diagnostic appointment because a more detailed assessment is required. Some (but not all) of the reasons for a REFER result include:

- An unsettled baby during the screening process
- Baby's ear canal/s were not clear from fluid after birth
- The internal and/or external environment was too noisy during screening
- Your baby may have temporary or permanent hearing loss

This is why your baby has been referred to an Audiologist for diagnostic testing.

DOES TESTING COST ANYTHING?

Families have the option of a diagnostic appointment through the Public or Private Health system. Details will be discussed with you when you speak with our Audiologist. Some out of pocket expenses may apply and these will be discussed with you before your appointment.

WHAT HAPPENS IF YOUR BABY HAS A HEARING LOSS?

Some hearing losses are temporary in nature and may improve without the need for treatment. If treatment is required, it will be recommended that your baby see an Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist. If a baby's hearing loss is permanent, we can direct you to the next steps and advise you of your options. There are many services available to support children with hearing loss and early intervention is important in ensuring the best possible outcomes.