

PASS RESULT

A pass means that your baby has adequate hearing to develop speech and language. It is important to remember that sometimes a baby can develop hearing loss during their first few years of life so annual tests are still recommended.

BABY HEARING MILESTONES

Hearing milestones are listed below so that you can monitor your baby's development.

BIRTH ↔ THREE MONTHS:

- Startles or jumps when there is a sudden noise nearby
- Tends to wake up, stir or cry when there is noise
- Quietens when they hear your voice

THREE ↔ SIX MONTHS:

- Eyes turn towards interesting sounds
- Appears to listen to voices and other sounds
- Awakes easily to sound

SIX ↔ TWELVE MONTHS:

- Turns head to soft sounds
- Understands "no" and "bye-bye"
- Begins to copy speech sounds



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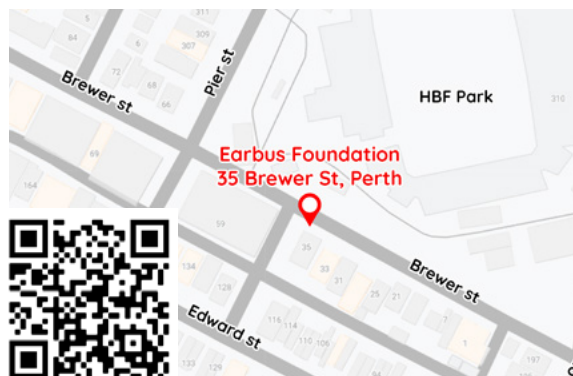
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YOUR BABY'S HEARING SCREENING

Information for parents



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IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS, YOUR BABY WILL BE OFFERED A HEARING SCREENING

WHY DOES MY BABY NEED A HEARING SCREENING?

Some babies are unable to hear all the sounds needed to develop speech and language.

Early detection of a hearing loss is important. Early treatment and support for families give children a good chance of learning to talk and communicate as well as children who hear normally.

ABOUT THE NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING PROGRAM

The program is part of the National Universal Neonatal Hearing Screening Framework administered by the Child and Adolescent Health Service, delivered by Earbus Foundation in WA. The Program aims to screen all babies to identify a Permanent Childhood Hearing Impairment (PCHI). About 2 babies per 1000 born, are born with a PCHI which can be in one or both ears. Early detection and treatment of PCHI gives children and families better quality of life by supporting hearing skills needed for language development.



ALGO ear couplers are used to capture baby's responses.

HOW IS THE TEST DONE?

Small headphones are placed on your baby, and 3 stickers attached to neck, shoulder and forehead. Soft sounds are then played.

- Your baby can remain asleep
- It's quick and simple (around 15 minutes)
- You will receive results immediately

This non-invasive test is performed when your baby is relaxed and asleep.

WHEN WILL THE TEST BE DONE?

Your baby can be tested 6 hours after birth, or in the next few days before you are discharged from hospital. The test is done at a time when the baby is comfortable and in a quiet space.