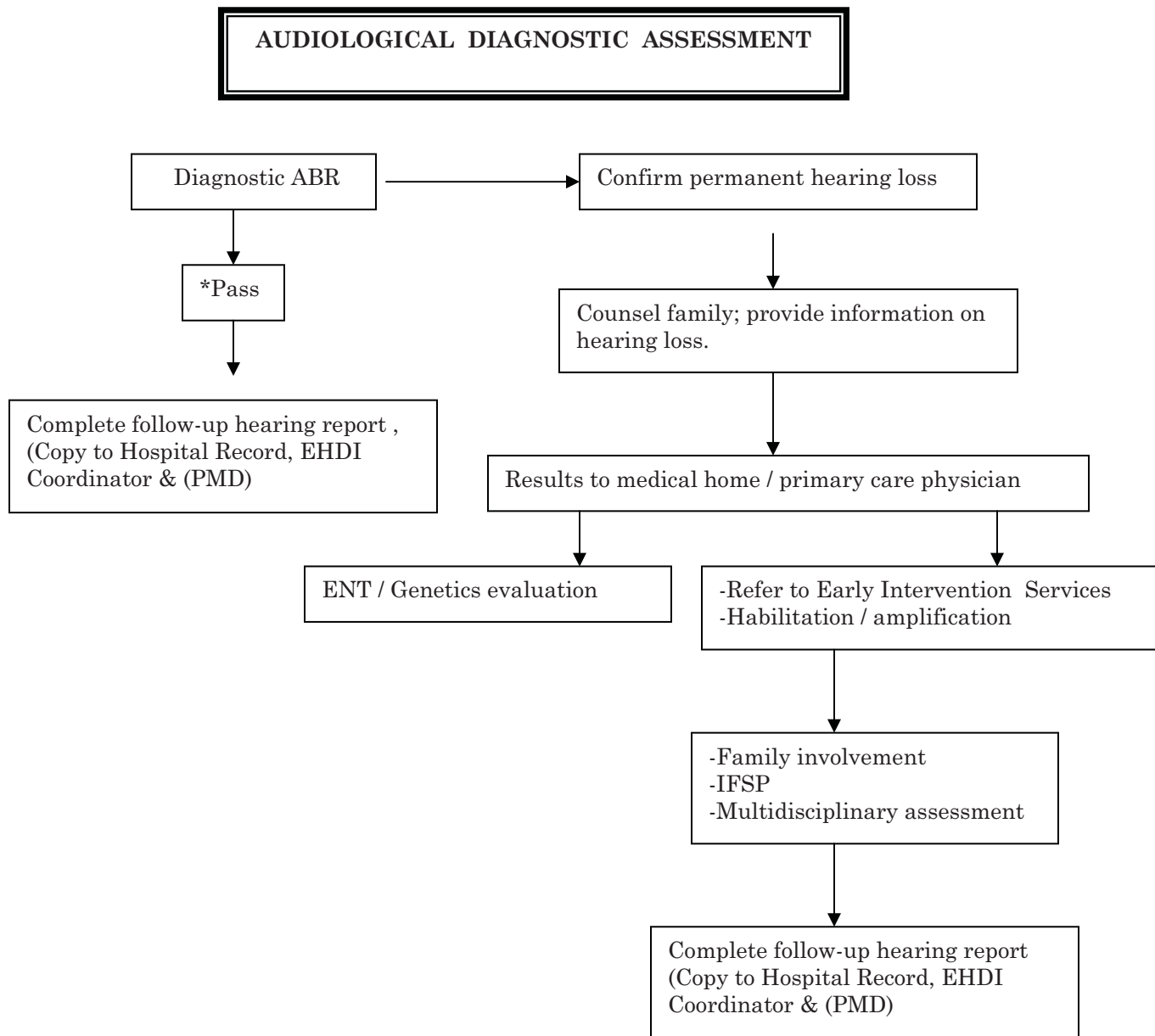
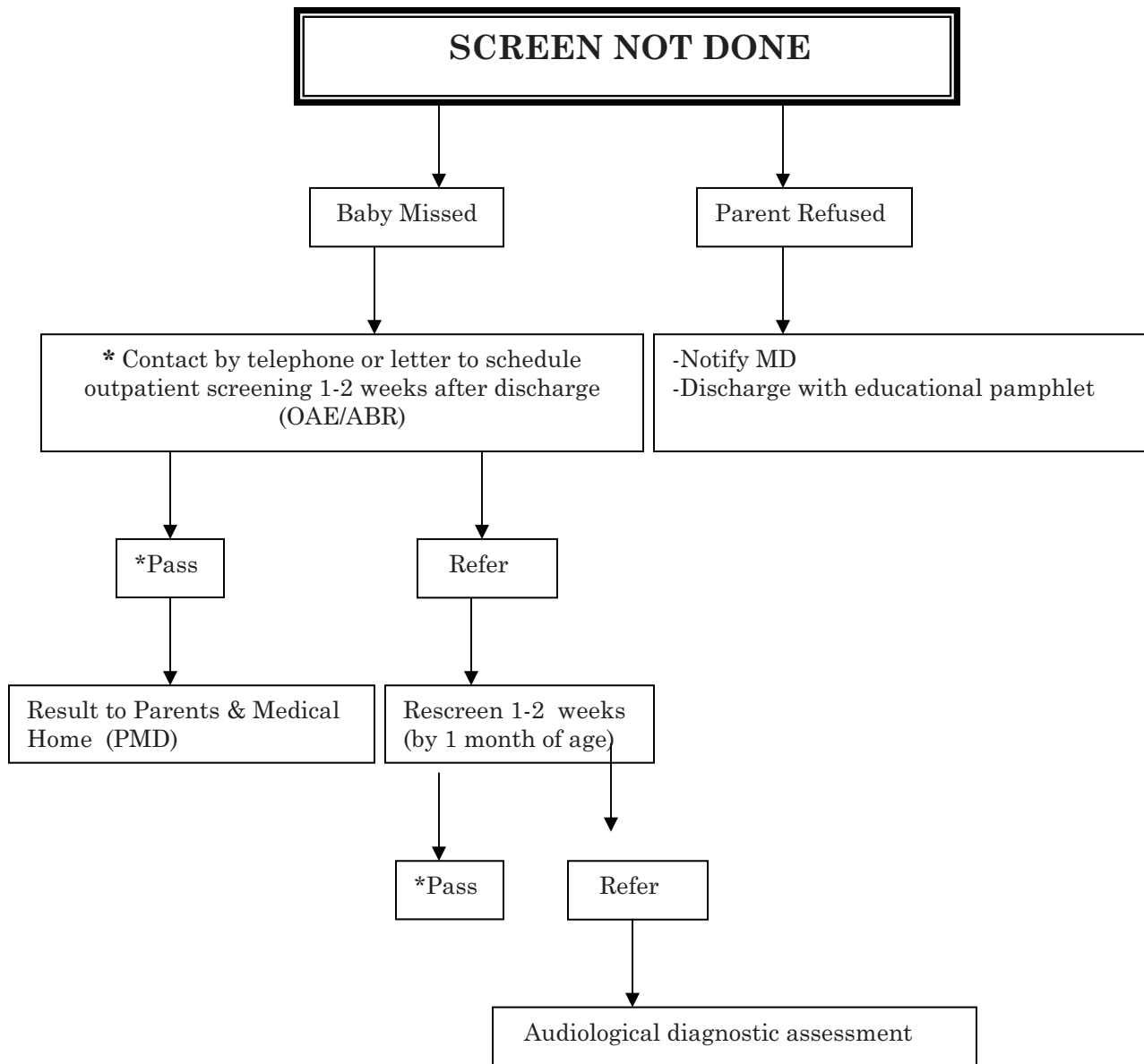


## *AUDIOLOGICAL DIAGNOSTIC EVALUATION*

- Infants who have not passed initial or repeat hearing screening are referred for audiological diagnostic assessment and evaluation.
- Obtain a detailed family, birth and medical history. Address parental concerns.
- Obtain OAE. If OAE results are normal, testing may be terminated. Discuss results with parent, provide information on normal hearing, speech and language milestones.
- Perform otoscopic evaluation, as indicated.
- Perform screening ABR. If ABR screening is not passed, perform full diagnostic assessment. This may immediately follow the screening ABR.
- Discuss results and follow-up recommendations / options with parents.
- Prepare a written report interpreting test results and describing the diagnostic profile.
- If hearing loss is confirmed, refer to the primary care provider along with the report. A referral to an ENT specialist is recommended to obtain an otologic diagnosis and medical clearance for amplification.
- The audiologist will counsel the family and schedule the child for hearing aid amplification, when indicated.



- **Infants who fail initial screen (OAE \* ABR), or who have risk factors for late onset or progressive hearing loss should be retested by 3 months of age and at 6 months intervals up to 3 years of age.**



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