

Your Baby's Hearing Screening Result

Date: _____

Type of screen: AABR OAE

Result: Right Ear Left Ear

Pass

Fail

Could not test

Next Step:

- No other hearing testing is needed for your baby unless you have concerns.
- No other hearing testing is needed at this time, but your baby has a risk for hearing loss. Talk with your baby's pediatrician about when to have more testing.
- More hearing testing is needed as soon as possible. Ask your baby's pediatrician to help you schedule an appointment.

For a list of testing centers in your area:



Your Baby's Hearing Checklist

Birth to 3 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quiets to a familiar voice• Startles to loud sounds
3 to 6 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enjoys toys that make sound• Responds by cooing• Watches a speaker's face
6 to 9 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Turns head towards voices• Babbles (ba ba ba)
9 to 12 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Follows simple directions• Responds to own name• Imitates sounds
12 to 18 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Says 10-20 words• Understands "yes-no" questions
18 to 24 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Says more than 50 words• Uses two word phrases

To learn more about newborn hearing screening, please visit:

<https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/newborn-screening/newborn-screening/newborn-hearing-screening.html>



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Newborn Hearing Screening



Why should my baby's hearing be screened?

- Most babies hear well at birth, but a small number are born with hearing loss. Hospitals screen all babies to find the ones who may have hearing loss.
- About half of babies with hearing loss have no known risks for it. Most babies with hearing loss are born to parents without hearing loss.
- A hearing screening is the only way to know if a baby has hearing loss. Babies with hearing loss may react to some sounds and coo or babble just like babies with normal hearing.
- It is important to find hearing loss as soon as possible. Babies whose hearing loss is not found early will have a hard time learning.
- If hearing loss is found, there are many ways to help your baby.



What should I know about newborn hearing screening?

- The test is safe and does not hurt. Most babies sleep through the test.
- An earphone will be placed on or in your baby's ear. Stickers may also be placed on your baby's head.
- A special machine shows if your baby responds to sounds.
- The screen takes about 10-20 minutes to complete.
- You will know the results of the hearing screening right away.
- The procedure is only a screening. It helps find babies who need more testing.

**Newborn hearing screening
is required in Tennessee**



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What does it mean if my baby does not pass the hearing screening?

- It does not necessarily mean that your baby has hearing loss. A baby can fail the hearing screening for several reasons.
- It does mean more testing is needed. Additional testing is the only way to find out how your baby hears.
- It is important to have follow-up testing done as soon as possible. Your baby should have an appointment with an audiologist (hearing specialist) for this testing.

Can a baby pass the hearing screening and still have hearing loss?

- Yes, some babies hear well enough to pass the hearing screening but have some hearing loss or lose hearing later due to illness, injury, some medicines, or a family history of hearing loss.
- Babies who have certain risks for hearing loss may need testing when they are older to make sure their hearing has not changed. Your baby's pediatrician will help you know if your baby needs more testing.
- Watch for signs of hearing loss and talk with your baby's pediatrician if you are worried.

