Newborn hearing screening: What do the results mean?

Baby is born

Hearing screening is performed at 12-48 hours of age or before the baby leaves the hospital

Ask for your baby’s hearing results before leaving the hospital:

PASS
No further testing required (always monitor for speech and language milestones)

PASS WITH RISK FACTORS
Further testing recommended for more information see www.msdh.ms.gov

DID NOT PASS
The hospital should arrange an outpatient rescreen or diagnostic evaluation. This does not mean your baby has a hearing loss.

Did not pass:
- Make sure you receive an appointment for outpatient rescreen or follow-up testing with an audiologist (hearing professional) before you go home from the hospital
- You can visit www.ehdi-pals.org to find an audiologist
- Talk with your baby’s doctor about your child’s hearing screening results
- Even if your baby responds to noises it does not mean he/she can hear properly

For more information, call: 1-800-451-3903