IS IMPACTING EDIATRIC HEARING HEALTH

Fewer infants are receiving hearing screenings.

Diagnostic hearing testing is being postponed, resulting in later identification of hearing loss.

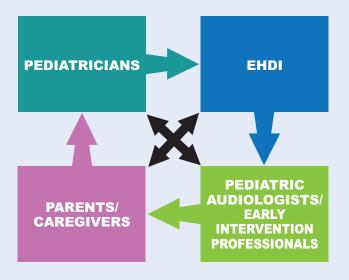
Provision of hearing technology, such as hearing aids and cochlear implants, is not occurring in a timely manner.

Undiagnosed or unmanaged hearing loss can result in speech, language, social, and academic delays.

The educational costs for children who are deaf or hard of hearing may increase significantly if they enter school with these delays.

What Do We Do?

Work Together for the Following:



Helpful Resources

https://downloads.aap.org/AAP/PDF/BF EHDI

Early Hearing

Detection & Intervention

National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management



Ensure national Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) quidelines are met:

- · Hearing screening by 1 month of age.
- · Identification of hearing loss by 3 months of age.
- · Enrollment in early intervention by 6 months of age. If you see a child who has not been screened or has not had appropriate diagnostic testing, immediate referral to audiology is warranted.



Obtain results of newborn hearing screening and any diagnostic hearing testing. If you do not have the results, contact the birthing hospital and/or your state EHDI coordinator at: https:// www.infanthearing.org/states/index.html



Communicate with parents/caregivers about results of hearing screenings and diagnostic hearing tests to ensure understanding and appropriate follow-up.



Make necessary referrals to local pediatric audiologists and your state early intervention (EI) program, as well as to other specialists, such as speech-language pathologists, otolaryngologists, ophthalmologists, geneticists.



Take parental concerns about hearing seriously and act quickly regarding medical management and making appropriate referrals.



Know risk factors for childhood hearing loss so that any potential congenital, later-onset, or acquired hearing loss is not overlooked: http://www.infanthearing.org/ehdi-ebook/2015 ebook/10-Chapter10RiskMonitoring2015.pdf



Flag charts of children who need follow-up regarding hearing



loss and/or those with risk factors for hearing loss.

Identify local hearing health and education professionals, as well

as resources for yourself and for families regarding hearing loss.



Management (NCHAM): Utah State University™ https://www.infanthearing.org/components/

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