Newborn Hearing Screening: What do the results mean?

- **Baby is born**
- **Hearing screening** is performed at 24-48 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 between 24-36 months of age

**DID NOT PASS**
- The hospital should re-screen your baby one more time or make you an appointment for a hearing re-screen (does not mean your baby has hearing loss)

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**Did Not Pass:**
- Schedule follow-up testing with an audiologist (hearing professional) within 2-3 weeks after you go home from the hospital.
- Ask your baby’s doctor to help you find an audiologist or you can visit www.ehdi-pals.org
- Remember that just because a baby may respond to noise does not mean he or she can hear properly

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**Want to know more?**
Call us: 1-866-928-6755
Joint Committee on Infant Hearing (JCIH) recommendations:

1. NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING
   before ONE month of age

2. HEARING DIAGNOSTIC EVALUATION
   before THREE months of age

3. EARLY INTERVENTION
   before SIX months of age

- Infants who did not pass an automated auditory brainstem response (AABR) hearing screen must have a repeat AABR for follow-up screening.
- Both ears should be tested with each screening even if only one ear did not pass.
- No more than two valid initial screening attempts should be performed.

For further information, please visit www.jcih.org

NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING FACTS:

Each year, 12,000 infants are born deaf or hard of hearing.

HEARING LOSS is one of the MOST COMMON birth defects.

Newborns should be screened for hearing loss BEFORE LEAVING THE HOSPITAL.

If left undetected, a hearing loss can delay a CHILD’S SPEECH AND LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT, as well as THINKING, LEARNING, and SOCIAL SKILLS.

Be sure to report findings to the state Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) program using the provider reporting form found at http://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/newbornscreening/assets/2018AudiologyReportingForm.pdf