

hearing and amplification

Newborn Screening

What is Newborn Screening?

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Simple tests can be used to check a baby's hearing right after birth. We don't have to wait until children are older to check for hearing loss. Newborn hearing tests are important because a lot of help is available even when a hearing loss is found early in a baby's life.

Hearing screening programs are called "universal" because they are set up to test all babies. All babies can have their hearing tested before they leave the hospital, or within 3 weeks of leaving the hospital. If a baby is born at home, a hearing test should be completed before he or she is 2 months old.

If a hearing loss is found, then hearing aids and therapy services are started to help the baby learn to listen and speak.

The following links may be helpful:

www.infanthearing.org

www.colorado.edu/slhs/mdnc/

www.infanthearing.org/ehdi.html