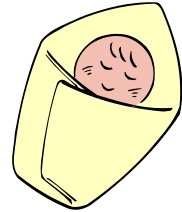


TIPS for SCREENERS

OAE & ABR Users:

Testing should only be done when the baby is quiet
(preferably sleeping);
at least happy, well-fed and comfortable



Swaddling the infant can help

Testing area should be quiet; avoid talking, phones ringing, running water etc.

Confirm the ear to be tested

OAE Users:

Visually inspect ear canal for debris (wax, blood, vernix)

Select proper size ear tip after examining ear canal size and angle

To insert, *gently* pull the ear up and out; this will open the ear canal

Slowly insert the tip as far as possible so that probe remains without support -- Be very careful about injuring the ear canal

Begin test after probe placed and baby has quieted

If does not pass on the first try,

- Remove probe and check for debris

- Replace tip if dirty

- Clean probe if necessary

- Reposition the probe and run the test again

If baby still does not pass one or both ears, it is best to wait a few hours and try again, rather than spend a lot of time on initial test