Infant Hearing Screening
For Pediatric Readmissions

WHO: Infants readmitted in their first month of life

WHAT: Repeat hearing screening before discharge, if any risk factor for late-onset or progressive hearing loss is present

RISK FACTORS FOR LATER ONSET HEARING LOSS (*JCIH) and Idaho recommendations for timing of audiologic follow-up

CLASS A (HIGHER RISK):
Refer for Dx by 3 months of age
- In-utero infections (CMV, herpes, rubella, toxoplasmosis, syphilis)
- Culture-positive postnatal infection (meningitis)
- Diagnosed syndromes associated with hearing loss
- Craniofacial or temporal bone anomalies
- ECMO
- Hyperbilirubinemia requiring exchange transfusion

CLASS B (HIGH RISK):
Refer for Dx by 9 months of age
- Family HX of permanent childhood hearing loss
- NICU stay is greater than 5 days
- Any amount of mechanical ventilation
- Any amount of ototoxic exposure (mycin, diuretics)
- Caregiver concern

NEXT STEPS:
(Screening and Referral Form are Completed)
FAX completed referral forms to: 208-332-7331
(Idaho Sound Beginnings/Early Hearing Program)

Questions?
Phone: 208-334-0829
Email: IdahoSoundBeginnings@dhw.idaho.gov

Provide parents with a copy of the referral form with documented results. Encourage parents to contact Idaho Sound Beginnings for a list of Pediatric Audiologists in their area, information on financial assistance for Audiologic Testing, questions concerning appropriate follow-up recommendations, or to speak with a parent consultant.

References: