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

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