

# Universal Newborn Hearing Screening

## learning

begins at birth

and beyond!



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### **Second Screening:**

Babies are required to have a second hearing screening on both ears if there was a non-pass on the first screening. Please ensure that two hearing screenings are performed and reported in IPHIS if the first was a non-pass. This is critical for correct follow up care.

### **Reminders:**

- ✓ Babies who did not pass the first hearing screening receive a secondary screening on BOTH ears
- ✓ Babies in a Level II or higher nursery should have ABR screening.
- ✓ Please ensure that NA is not marked on the UNHS form or in IPHIS

### **ABR screening:**

A strong recommendation by the Joint Committee on Infant Hearing (JCIH), 2007 Position statement includes that babies admitted to Level II or higher nursery, who receive additional medical care, have risk factors and/or that are medically complex, receive ABR screening to not miss cases of auditory neuropathy and other hearing loss risk detected via ABR. It is encouraged that each hospital utilize ABR on babies in the Level II or higher nursery. This will allow the opportunity to identify hearing loss risk in this population and ABR is a better-suited screening test for identifying risk for hearing loss that is outside of the cochlear region.

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