

High risk factors for late on-set hearing loss

Recommended Hearing Screening Schedule

Birth to 3 years

RISK FACTOR	REPEAT HEARING SCREENING
Family history of permanent hearing loss from birth or starting in childhood; this does <i>not</i> include hearing loss due to old age, injury, noise exposure, or ear infections	6 months, 1 year, yearly
Infections in the mother during pregnancy or delivery (i.e. Toxoplasmosis, Syphilis, HIV, Hepatitis B, Rubella, Cytomegalovirus (CMV), Herpes simplex, and others)	6 months, 1 year, yearly
Noticeable differences of the head, face, neck or ears (such as: cleft lip or palate; abnormal shaped head, neck, or ear)	3 months, 6 months, 1 year, yearly 1 year & yearly for ear pits or tags
Certain medications given to baby at birth (i.e. ampicillin, gentamicin, vancomycin, loop diuretics; lasix)	1 year (sooner follow-up may be recommended if medications were continued after hospital discharge); yearly
Syndromes that include hearing loss (i.e. Down Syndrome, Usher's Syndrome, neurofibromatosis type 2, Waardenburg Syndrome, Alport Syndrome)	3 months, 6 months, 1 year, yearly
Admission to the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU)	1 year, yearly
Prematurity (< 37 weeks gestation)	1 year, yearly
Parental/caregiver concern of changes in hearing, speech or language development	Immediate

Questions:

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