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Preparing for Your Infant's Hearing Screening/Test

Your baby is scheduled to be seen at the Hearing and Speech Center for a specialized hearing screening/test on:

Date: _____ Time: _____

The screening/test is called an Auditory Brainstem Response (ABR) evaluation. If your baby is scheduled for an outpatient screening, the test will take approximately 1-2 hours. If your baby is scheduled for a full diagnostic test, it may take up to 4 hours. This evaluation is safe and painless. Your baby will need to sleep quietly during the test, which significantly improves the accuracy of the results. In order to make this evaluation successful, we need your cooperation with the following:

At home on the day of the appointment:

- For morning appointments, please wake up your baby earlier than usual and do not let baby go back to sleep.
- For afternoon appointments, please keep your baby awake and napping.
- Feed your baby very lightly for the meal prior to the test, so that baby will be hungry upon arrival.

Bring the following to the appointment:

- Enough formula for a large meal (breastfeeding is fine!) and extra formula, juice, or milk in case more is needed.
- Extra diapers, a pacifier, and a blanket.
- A stroller or carriage if your baby sleeps best in one of these.

At the appointment:

- Please arrange childcare for other siblings to ensure quiet during testing. If siblings are old enough to be left unsupervised in another room, they are welcome, but please do bring activities to keep them occupied.
- Please arrive 15 minutes early. There is free parking behind our building, the entrance of which is to the south of our building, on Divisadero and near Eddy.
- Bring your insurance information. **You may have had to ask your pediatrician for an authorization for CPT code 92586 (screening) or 92585 (diagnostic).** If a prior authorization or referral is required by your child's insurance and has not been procured prior to your appointment, you will be required to pay out-of-pocket for the service. These charges range from \$95-\$300.

Please contact the front office staff at 415-921-7658 with any questions. We look forward to working with you and your infant!