



**CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINE**

Guideline coverage includes NICU KEMH, NICU PMH and NETS WA

# Hearing Screening

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All infants have Hearing Screening prior to discharge home. All peripheral hospitals also provide a hearing screening service therefore check with the hospital prior to transferring the infant.

A consent form is to be signed by the parents prior to the screen.

The consent form and an information pamphlet will be left at the bedside by the auditory technician who performs the test and completes the relevant section in the Personal Health Record book - date and result of the hearing screen.

- Infants must be at least 6 hours of age for a hearing screen to be accurate. Preferred gestation greater than 34 weeks.
- If an infant refers at screening, the Audiology department at PMH will follow up the infant. Hearing Screening staff will arrange the referral and, will advise parents, GP and CHN.
- If an infant fails the 34 week hearing screen and they are from the country, discuss with audiology regarding timing of next test.

The Hearing Screener visits daily or may be paged on 7780 to book a hearing screen.

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