



Advanced Hearing Care
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PRETEST INSTRUCTIONS: UNSEDATED AUDITORY BRAINSTEM EVOKED RESPONSE (ABR)

Your child has been scheduled to have a special test called the Auditory Evoked Response (ABR). This test requires the child to **sleep soundly during the testing**. The purpose of the test is to learn more about your child's hearing. The test is performed with several small wires (electrodes) taped on the child's head. A computer is used to measure very small changes in brainstem activity in response to sounds presented through a small earphone. Your child's test is scheduled for:

The test will be conducted by an audiologist who will review the test results and future recommendations with you.

This test will be performed without sedation. Therefore, it is important that your child be very sleepy when you arrive for the test. Suggestions to help promote natural sleep during testing include:

1. Wake your child earlier than normal and do not let your child sleep until the test is ready to begin.
2. Restrict food intake for 2-3 hours before arriving. Bring a bottle to feed the child just prior to testing to encourage sleep. May also want pacifier and blanket for swaddling.

Once your child is sleeping soundly, the testing should take approximately one-two hours. If your child does not fall asleep for this evaluation, it might be necessary to reschedule this appointment for a different day. If your child has an ear infection, the test may also need to be rescheduled or repeated once infection has cleared in order to obtain the best results. If you have any questions or are unable to keep this appointment, please call us at **(765) 608-3277**.

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BRING BLANKET TO SWADDLE DURING TESTING**