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Auditory brainstem response (ABR) test results

Information for parents

Department of Audiovestibular Medicine

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Name.....

Hospital number.....

Date.....

The results of your child's auditory brainstem response (ABR) test have been plotted on a graph called an audiogram (hearing chart) so you can better understand the hearing test results obtained today. The audiogram is attached.

An audiogram is used to record the measurements of different volumes (decibels) and frequencies (itches) of sounds you are able to hear.

Speech banana

When all of the most typical frequencies and decibels of common sounds required for speech were initially plotted on an audiogram and a line was drawn around them, the shape looked like a banana. Sometimes we refer to this area as a 'speech banana'.

Test Results

It's important to remember that an ABR provides results which have confidence limits (i.e; a range of levels that the true hearing level may fall within).

Hearing levels can also vary with colds.

We will build up a more detailed picture of your child's hearing through ongoing assessments. As your child gets older, we will test them with different methods called behavioural tests, which rely on your child making a response to a sound stimulus.

Key to audiogram

Circles = right ear

Crosses = left ear