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# Auditory Brainstem Response Instructions

Your baby has been scheduled for an Auditory Brainstem Response (ABR) test. Small sensors are placed on your baby and then earphones are placed in your baby's ears. The computer then measures the hearing nerve's response to soft sounds. The test is safe and is not uncomfortable for your baby. However, in order to measure the tiny response to sound, your baby must be relaxed. The screening will be administered when your baby is sleeping.

**It is important to follow these instructions:**

- Come to the appointment with the baby tired and hungry
- Wake him/her up earlier the day of the screening
- Try and keep your baby awake in the car – bring someone with you if need be
- If your baby naps around the appointment time, try and keep him/her up until you get to our facility
- If your baby feeds around the appointment time, wait until you get to our facility. Once you arrive, we will take you back to a quiet room and you can feed your baby while he/she is being prepared for screening
- Please bring:
    - A bottle for your baby or you can nurse in our quiet room
    - A special blanket or toy that will make your baby more comfortable

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us at (405) 608-8833.