

Informing Parents of the screen:

“Hi, congratulations on the birth of your baby. We provide hearing screening to all babies who are born here. The hearing screening will measure how your baby responds to sounds, and it is harmless. Most babies sleep through the test. We’re going to screen your baby now, but before we do, are there any questions I can answer?”

Passing Script for Babies

“Congratulations on the birth of your baby. We just finished your baby's hearing screening and your baby passed the screen today. Here's a brochure that talks about development of speech and language. It's always important to monitor the progress of your baby's development, because your baby's hearing can change at any time. If you're ever worried that your baby can't hear, talk to your baby's doctor right away and ask for a referral to an audiologist that's skilled at testing infants and young children.”

Passing Script for Babies at High Risk for Hearing Loss

“Congratulations on the birth of your baby. We just finished screening your baby's hearing and your baby passed the screen today. However, because your baby's had some medical problems at birth, there is a chance that your baby can develop hearing loss after you leave the hospital. Your baby's hearing is critical in order for normal “on time” development to occur. Your doctor can help you to monitor your baby's hearing development and tell you when your baby should have further tests with an audiologist that's skilled at testing infants and young children.”

Inconclusive/Inbetween Inpatient Screen Script

“We’ve attempted to screen your baby’s hearing but we weren’t able to complete the test. Some babies need to be screened more than once in order to get an accurate result. We’ll be back in a few hours to test (him/her) again. ”

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Not Passing Script for Babies

“Congratulations on the birth of your baby. We just finished screening your baby's hearing and your baby did not pass the screen today. This doesn't necessarily mean that your baby has a permanent hearing loss, but what it does mean is that further testing is needed. We'll provide the screening results to your baby's doctor. Please be sure you make or keep the appointment for further hearing testing.”

Not Passing Script for Babies at High Risk for Hearing Loss

“Congratulations on the birth of your baby. We just finished screening your baby's hearing and your baby did not pass the screen today. This doesn't necessarily mean that your baby has a permanent HL but what it does mean is that further testing is needed. Because your baby has had some medical problems at birth, your baby is at greater risk for hearing loss. Talk to your baby's doctor about the results and ask for help to schedule an audiological diagnostic test as soon as possible. Finding out about hearing issues early is going to help to make sure your baby has the best chance of normal “on time” development.”

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