

SCREENING FOR INFANT HEARING

"The Committee recommends that since a satisfactory technique is not yet established that will permit hearing screening of all newborns, infants at risk for hearing impairment should be identified by means of history and physical examination.

"The criteria for identifying a newborn as at risk for hearing impairment is the presence of one or more of the following: (a) history of genetically determined childhood hearing impairment; (b) rubella or other non-bacterial intra-uterine fetal infection; (c) defects of ear, nose or throat; (d) birthweight less than 1500 grams; or (e) any indirect or free bilirubin concentration that is potentially toxic.

"Even if hearing appears to be normal, infants falling in this category should receive regular hearing evaluations thereafter at the physician's office, well baby clinic or audiologic center."

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