

WHAT IS AN AUDIOLOGIST?

AUDIOLOGISTS EVALUATE AND TREAT HEARING AND BALANCE DISORDERS.

The Audiologist may evaluate your child's ability to:

- hear speech sounds
- quietest level the child can hear
- hear people talk

Please be prepared at the time of your child's appointment to share specific concerns. Keep in mind the activities your child participates in on a daily basis and the places those activities occur, as you think about the following questions:

- What is your main concern?
- What kinds of things do you want your child to hear? ("I want him to be able to hear me when I call him from the other room.")
- Where do you want your child to be able to hear? ("I want him to be able to hear what the teacher is saying at school.")
- Whom do they need to hear with? ("I want him to be able to hear with his friends in a group situation. He just pretends he hears what they say, and never asks them to talk louder so he can hear them.")
- What aspects of your home life will hearing loss affect? Such as financial resources, additional time for aural rehab/speech therapy or Audiology appointments, time to work with your child on home work, etc.

Please think about these questions before coming to your child's appointment. Your answers will help us to focus on your child's most pressing concerns. During the hearing evaluation you and the audiologist will decide what is needed and what you want your child to accomplish.

If your child sees another audiologist, please bring your child's audiological test results to the evaluation.

If your child has a hearing loss, the Audiologist will talk with you about a plan of care based on your child's specific needs. This plan may include a referral to an otolaryngologist (ENT physician) or further testing as needed. We will also discuss what you can expect from us and what is expected of you and your child.

We look forward to meeting you and your child and helping you improve your child's quality of life.