



## **PLEASE FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.**

**TITLE OF TEST:** Pediatric Auditory Brainstem Response (ABR)

**DATE AND TIME:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **PURPOSE OF TEST:**

The ABR evaluates the response of the auditory nerve to a stimulus. It is designed to assess hearing sensitivity in infants below 7 months of age that are difficult to test by conventional means.

### **BEFORE THE TEST:**

- It is necessary that your baby sleep for a minimum of 1 hour for the test to be completed.
- Infants up to 6 months of age will usually sleep naturally. Please wake your child 2 hours earlier than normal, and **do not allow him/her to sleep in the car on the way to the test.** For afternoon appointments, do not let your baby take a morning nap. Do not bring your baby sleeping. Bring a bottle and/or pacifier. It would be best to bottle feed your baby after the audiologist calls you in for your appointment and while she/he is setting up the equipment.
- If your baby does not sleep for the test and we need to continue on another day you may be billed for both sessions.

**THE DAY OF THE TEST:** Please arrive on time for your appointment so that we can spend the necessary amount of time with your child.

**THE TEST:** The test can take from 1-2 hours. The audiologist performing the test will place electrodes on your child's earlobes and forehead. Inserts will be placed in the ear and sounds will be presented. This test is painless. The results will usually be explained immediately following the test.