

Hearing Screening



Birth to
3 years

3 to 5
years



Otoacoustic
emissions (OAE)

Pure tone (PT)



- A small probe is placed in the child's ear canal
- Probe emits a low-volume sound
- Screening equipment measures the inner ear's response (otoacoustic emission)
- Equipment produces pass or defer response

- Headphones are placed over the child's ears
- Child is taught to raise their hand or drop a block in a bucket when they hear a tone
- A specific sequence of soft tones is presented to each ear and the child's response documented
- Screener determines if the child is able to listen for tones and respond correctly
- Screener determines whether the child passes or needs a referral



★ Screening results are just a picture of a child's hearing at one moment in time. Remember, ongoing observations are an important aspect of monitoring a child's hearing and speech!