



Quebec Newborn Hearing Screening Program

LIST OF RISK FACTORS FOR HEARING LOSS

The physician or the nurse verifies if the newborn has a risk factor(s) for hearing loss.			
A signature and a date are required if different persons identify the presence of different risk factors for hearing loss.			

NO RISK FACTOR(S) FOR HEARING LOSS IDENTIFIED

Risk factor(s) for hearing loss identified	Indicators	Signature and date
Family history of hearing loss	Hearing loss in a parent, brother/sister Hearing loss in an uncle/aunt, cousin, grandparent	
Congenital TORCH infection	Cytomegalovirus (suspected or confirmed) Toxoplasmosis, rubella, syphilis (suspected or confirmed)	
Obvious craniofacial anomaly	Preauricular appendix (Ear tag) Preauricular sinus (Ear pit) Low-lying ear Dysmorphism Microcephaly Cleft palate Pierre Robin sequence	
Syndrome associated with hearing loss	Syndrome known or suspected at birth	
Hyperbilirubinemia	☐ Unconjugated bilirubin level ≥ 400 μmol /L☐ Exchange tranfusion	
Very low birth weight	☐ Birth weight < 1500 g	
Prematurity	Gestational age < 29 weeks' gestation	
Respiratory disorders	Prolonged mechanical ventilation (> 5 days) Inhalation of nitrous oxide High-frequency oxygenation JET ventilation (no minimum duration) Congenital diaphragmatic hernia Extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO)	
Neurological disorders	Low Apgar score (0-3 at 5 minutes) Intraventricular hemorrhage (Grades III and IV) Moderate to severe hypoxic-ischemic encephalopathy (Sarnat II or III) Therapeutic Hypothermia (Cooling)	
Excessive dosage of ototoxic drugs	Dosage determined by the physician (no specific indication of level)	
Risk factors of hearing loss requiring a comprehensive audiological evaluation (no screening) Immediate referral to the diagnostic confirmation centre		
Confirmed meningitis	Anotia, microtia, atresia	Extended stay in NICU
(bacterial or viral)	(bilateral or unilateral)	(reached the corrected age of 3 months)
Signature and date	Signature and date	Signature and date
Signature of the physician or the nurse	Licence No.	Date Year Month Day