

AUDITORY BRAINSTEM RESPONSE (ABR) TESTING

The ABR test is a non-invasive procedure that requires little or no participation from you. Electrodes which rest on the surface of the skin are placed in/ around the ear canal and on top of the head. A loud click is presented to the ears and responses are recorded automatically. The test takes approximately one hour. If you have any questions, you may call the office and speak with an audiologist.

We are happy to bill your insurance and urge you to contact your insurance representatives to be sure any required authorizations have been processed before arriving for the test.

If it is necessary to cancel or change your appointment, PLEASE CALL 24 HOURS in advance. Failure to cancel your appointment may result in a \$50 fee charged to you.

CHAMP (Cochlearhydrops Analysis Masking) / ABR PATIENT INSTRUCTIONS

- 1.- Avoid caffeine prior to testing.
- 2.- Wear comfortable clothes.
- 3.- Come to appointment tired, if possible.

You will be encouraged to relax and sleep through the procedure. If you have a need for an orthopedic pillow or other any medical considerations for posture, please bring them to the appointment.

PEDIATRIC A.B.R. TEST

Your child has been scheduled for an Auditory Brainstem Response (ABR) test on

This test gives an indication of hearing ability without requiring cooperation from the child. The only requirement is the ability to lie still for one half hour to forty-five minutes. Because this is usually not possible voluntarily, we ask that you assist us in preparing your child by depriving him or her of sleep and food prior to the test.

- 1.- Please keep your child awake later than usual the night before the test and awaken them earlier than usual. Do not let them sleep on the way to the office.

2.- Withhold their morning feeding but bring a bottle of milk or formula with you. Upon arrival, one of the audiologists will prepare the child for the test and allow you to nurse or feed the child and get them comfortable and to sleep.

The test runs automatically and the more relaxed and asleep the child is, the better the test results. With the steps noted above, we can usually accomplish the test on children under the age of three months. Over this age, we find that sedation is required and our clinic does not provide sedation.

If you have any questions about the test, please call the office at either 916-736-3399 ext. 1021