

Summary of List Serve Responses

Newborn Hearing Screening in the NICU- Nov. 2014

Facility	How many beds does your NICU setting have?	What level is your NICU unit?	Are newborn screeners or 4th year students allowed to complete hearing screens on NICU babies?	If you use NB screener or students, are there any restrictions or guidelines on certain babies that should only be tested by an audiologist? (i.e.: on vent or something medical)	If you use screener and/or students, What is the NICU audiologist to NB screener ratio?	Do you have any written policies/procedures guidelines for the newborn screeners that you could share?
A	42 at our Egleston campus and 35 at our Scottish Rite campus	To my understanding, we do not have a level. We are labeled as a 'surgical NICU.'	We do not employ any Newborn screeners. Our 4 <sup>th</sup> year externs do Complete screens but They have audiology Supervision.	All babies are screened under the supervision of Audiology	Our student supervision ratio is 1 student: 1 supervisor	We do not have any policies for screeners since Audio oversees all screens
B	50 bed unit	Level 4	Newborn screeners (communication assistants) can complete hearing screen in NICU after orientation to NICU	Typically testing is not done until baby getting ready to go home. Complicated cases are handled by an Advanced Communication Assistant or by an Audiologist.	1 to 4	We are updating/clarifying our procedures for the NICU and newborn screens so this particular question would be helpful for us also.
C	We also manage screening for all babies in our well baby nursery. Total is about 400 a month.		NBHS was in our hospital before Audiology. So we have just become involved with the screening program this year.	We are still refining and changing the processes/policies, especially with regards to the NICU.		Yes
D	53	Level 4	Both are allowed with direct supervision	See attachment	4 to 1	
E	90 beds	Level 4	Looking into this possibility			

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F	60	Level 3	No sure what you are referring to as a newborn screener. 4 <sup>th</sup> year students are students and as such don't work independently. They can provide screenings under the supervision of a licensed audiologist. Nursing staff screen babies. They are trained with annual competencies and all screenings are automated ABR. Audiology Consults on program design, staff training and follow up.	N/A	N/A	

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