

Speech & Hearing Development Milestones

A quick guide for parents

Birth to 3 months	4 to 6 months	4 to 6 months
Startles to loud sounds.	Follows sounds with eyes / turns toward sounds.	Understands words like "no", "bye-bye".
Quiets or smiles when spoken to.	Responds to changes in tone of voice.	Imitates different speech sounds.
Turns head toward familiar voice.	Notices toys that make sounds.	Responds to name; points or waves.
Makes cooing sounds.	Babbles with expression, laughs.	Enjoys peek-a-boo and pat-a-cake.
Cries differently for different needs.	Babbles strings like "ba-ba", "ma-ma"(no meaning yet).	Says first words around 1 year.



Every child develops at their own pace. If you're concerned about your baby's hearing or speech, talk to your doctor or audiologist.

Your Baby's Hearing Screening Record

Testing Date:			
Right Ear	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass	<input type="checkbox"/> Refer	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Tested
Left Ear	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass	<input type="checkbox"/> Refer	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Tested

Next Appointment

Date:	Time:
Clinic:	Contact:



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Your Baby's First Hearing Check

Early detection,
brighter communication

FOR ENQUIRIES / TO RESCHEDULE

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(Closed Sundays & Public Holidays)

This leaflet is for guidance only and does not replace medical advice from your clinician.

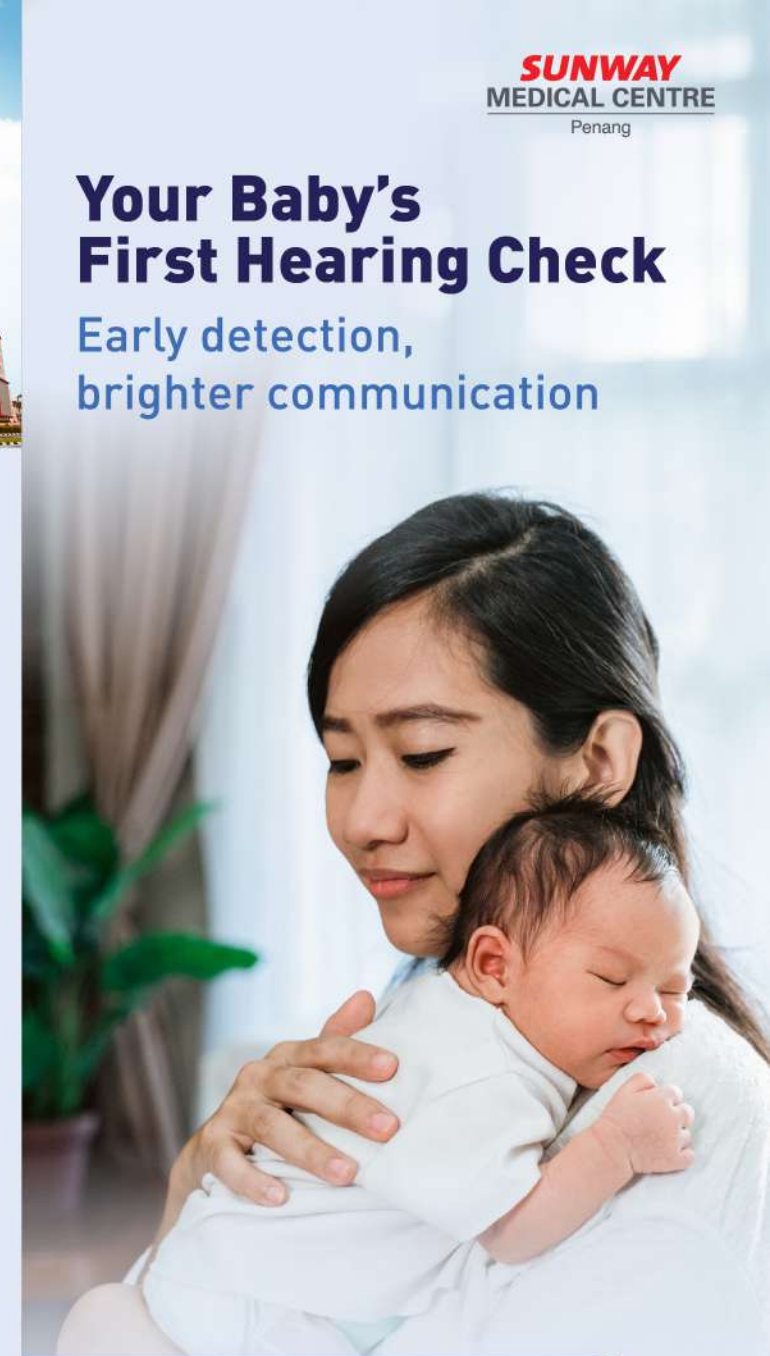
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Universal Neonatal
Hearing Screening (UNHS)



What is UNHS?

Universal Neonatal Hearing Screening (UNHS) is a quick, safe and painless check of your baby's hearing, usually done before leaving the hospital. It helps detect possible hearing loss early, so your child can get the best support for speech, language and learning.

Why is hearing screening IMPORTANT?

- Babies learn sounds from birth.
- Undetected hearing loss may affect speech, language and learning.
- With early detection, babies get help at the right time.

The 1-3-6 RULE (JCIH 2019):

1 Screen by month

3 Diagnose by months

6 Begin intervention by months

When is the screening done?

- Before going home from hospital.
- If not done, please return **within the first month**.

How is the test done?

(AABR) We use the Auditory Brainstem Response (AABR) screening.



Safe & painless No needles, sedation or radiation.

Understanding the results

PASS

- Suggests baby is very unlikely to have significant hearing loss now.
- Continue to watch speech and hearing milestones as baby grows.

REFER

- This **does not** mean your baby definitely has hearing loss.
- It simply means we need to do further testing when your baby is a little older or more settled.
- A **repeat screening or diagnostic appointment** will be scheduled.
- Please attend the next appointment promptly — ideally before 3 months of age.
- **If the results from this second stage of screening are still not satisfactory**, a full **diagnostic audiology evaluation** will be arranged to give a clear picture of your baby's hearing.

Babies who were in the NICU, have risk factors for hearing loss, or where there are family concerns may still be recommended for follow-up even after a pass result.

Tips to prepare your baby for screening



Bring baby when usually sleepy.



Feed and burp just before the test.



Avoid applying lotions/oils on the forehead (helps sensors stick).

