



Audiology – hearing tests

It's important to get your ears checked to make sure you can hear well as you get older. The people who check your ears are called audiologists. This book will show you two kids getting their ears checked by the audiologist.

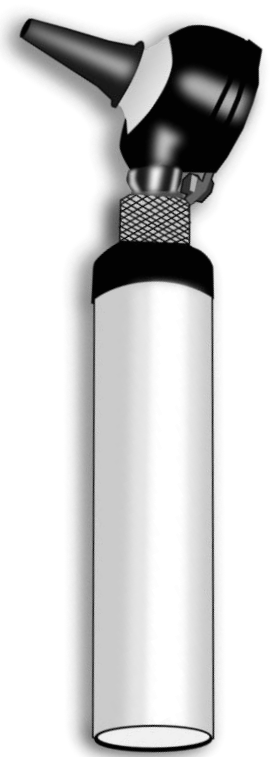


Let's go into clinic!

When you arrive for your appointment, you will wait in the waiting room. The audiologist will call your name when it is your turn.



The first thing the audiologist will do is check your ears with something called an otoscope. An otoscope has a light so they can see in your ear to make sure it looks healthy. This does not hurt.

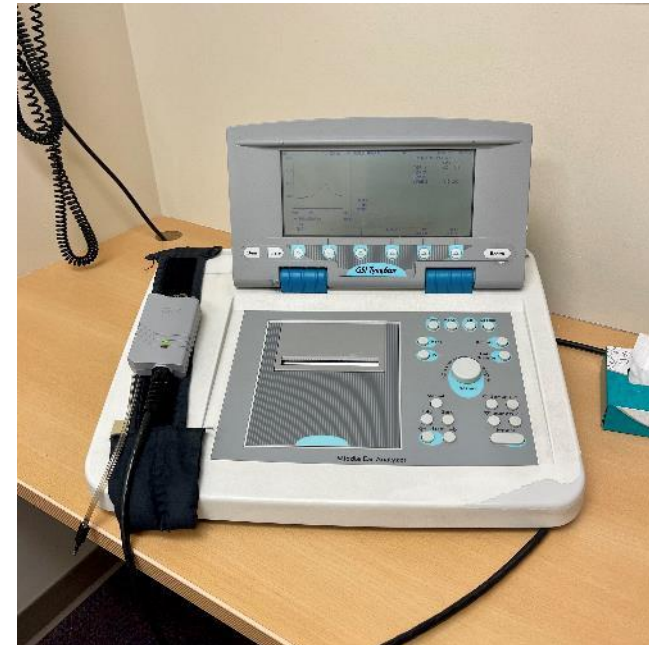


You can sit by yourself or with your grownup.



Next, the audiologist will do three tests to check your hearing.

For the first test, called a tympanogram, the audiologist will put a small, soft earplug in each of your ears. These small earplugs will let your ear draw a picture on the screen - isn't that cool?



Your job is to sit in a chair and relax. During the test, you should hear a soft humming noise. Your ears might feel full of pressure, too. That's normal!



Does your ear picture look like a mountain or a road?



For the next two tests you will go into small, soundproof rooms. Soundproof means that the rooms are super quiet and you can not hear any noises from outside of the rooms. Your grownup can go with you.



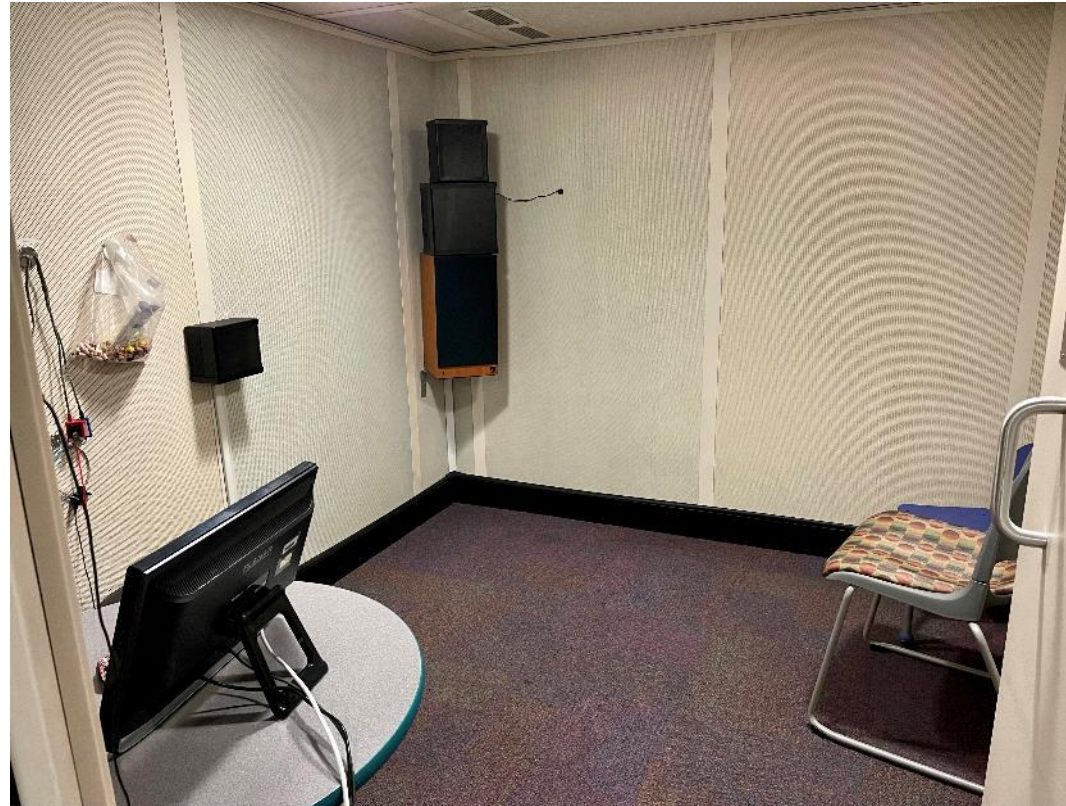
During the second test, the audiologist will make sure your cochlea is healthy. Your cochlea is a small part of your body that is inside your ear and helps you to hear. For this test, the audiologist will put a different small, soft earplug in your ear. It looks like a marshmallow! They will also put a little black clip on your shirt.



Your job is to be really quiet so you can hear the noises the audiologist will play. Listen for silly “bee boops,” kind of like the sounds a robot would make to say hello! Once each ear has had a turn you will move on to the last test.



For the last test, you and your grownup will go into another small, soundproof room with a window. There are chairs in the room for you to sit in.



The audiologist will sit with you in the room and play noises that you will hear coming from different speakers. Your job is to raise your hand each time you hear a noise.



The audiologist may also ask you to repeat words that you hear. Your job is to say each word loud and clear so they can hear you. The audiologist will open the door when you are all done.



Way to go – you completed all of your hearing tests!

