



# Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center Communication Disorders Department - Audiology Policy and Procedure

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**SUBJECT: HEARING SCREENING**

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## **PURPOSE**

To identify procedures for a hearing screening.

## **POLICY**

Inpatients receive a hearing screening as part of a comprehensive communication evaluation. A hearing screening identifies those persons most likely to have an auditory disorder(s) that may interfere with their education, health, development, or communication.

## **PROCEDURES**

Hearing screenings are performed in response to an order from a speech language pathologist (SLP) or physician. An order is initiated once the patient can reliably participate in the screening (e.g. follows simple commands, attends to task for 15 minutes).

Inpatients with documented or reported hearing loss are referred for an audiological evaluation.

Audiology assistants may conduct adult hearing screenings under the supervision of the audiologist. Pediatric hearing screenings are performed by the audiologist.

The hearing screening is limited to pure-tone air conduction thresholds at 500, 1000, 2000, 3000 & 4000Hz. Failure to respond to any frequency at 20dB HL (re: ANSI S3.6.1989) or better constitutes failure of the audiometric hearing screening. Responses to acoustic stimuli are developmentally appropriate and repeatable. The screening will take place in a pre-determined quiet area as specified by the audiologist.

Raw data is recorded on the Audiometric Screening Form (T-R0091 EAUDV) and then sent to Health Information Management (HIM) for scanning into the electronic health record. The audiologist's interpretations and recommendations are documented in the electronic record.

Patients who fail the screenings are seen for assessment with referral to ENT for review of results and/or evaluation as indicated.

A hearing screening is conducted in an environment conducive to obtaining reliable screening results. Electroacoustic equipment meet ANSI S3 1-1989 specifications. Ambient noise levels are sufficiently low to allow for accurate screening.

### **Source:**

**Preferred Practice Patterns for the Profession of Audiology**

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