

Risk Assessment: Indicators of Noise-Induced Hearing Loss

Ages

11 through 20 years of age

Purpose

To assess for the presence of noise induced hearing loss indicators

Procedure

Review the following hearing history questions with the caregiver or child:

1. Do you have a problem hearing over the telephone?
2. Do you have trouble following the conversation when two or more people are talking at the same time?
3. Do people complain that you turn the TV volume up too high?
4. Do you have to strain to understand conversation?
5. Do you have trouble hearing in a noisy background?
6. Do you find yourself having to ask people to repeat themselves?
7. Do people you talk to seem to mumble (or not speak clearly)?
8. Do you misunderstand what others are saying and respond inappropriately?
9. Do you have trouble understanding the speech of women and children?
10. Do people get annoyed with you because you misunderstand what they say?

PASS

Children for whom no hearing loss indicators are identified do not require immediate rescreening or referral.

Rescreen/REFER

Children with one or more risk factors should have ongoing hearing screening. Refer if there is a positive response to one or more of the history questions and the child cannot be screened.