Newborn Hearing Screening Training Curriculum:

Hot Topics

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Scenario 1

It’s your first screening attempt after baby is born. Baby passes in the right ear and refers in the left.

What is the next step?
What could you do to try and improve screening conditions and test integrity?

Should you repeat the screening? If so, what should you do first and how many times should you re-attempt screening?

What are some challenges you encounter while running the screen?
– How long should you wait before re-attempting?

– Is there anything special you might do with the ear that failed?

– What do you tell the parent’s?
–What if after the next attempt the results of the screening are “switched” or the opposite of what they were the first time?

–What should you do?
Scenario 2

Baby doesn’t pass prior to discharge what should you do to help families get to the next step?
What are the NICHQ (National Initiative for Children’s Health Quality) Steps for Follow-up?

– What should you tell the parent’s?

– What information should you get from the parents?

– What written information should you give to the parents?

– How do you inform the PCP, if known?
–What if you know the family won’t come back to hospital because they live far too far?

–What are some things you can do to help them get to the next step?
–If the nursery doesn’t provide outpatient screening services, what are your procedures for ensuring the handoff is made for the next step?
If the parent says they will get the outpatient screening in their baby’s physician’s office, what are your follow-up steps?
Scenario 3

Baby returns for the outpatient screen. Mom is really worried. Screening conditions are good and the baby refers.
Based on your experience with your equipment and conducting numerous screens you can often anticipate the screening outcome. If you anticipate the baby will pass, but the results indicate the baby failed, what do you tell the parents?
–Is it necessary to re-screen both ears if just one ear failed the inpatient screen?

–Why is this considered a best practice?
– If baby fails the outpatient screening, what steps do you take to ensure a successful handoff is made?

– What are some follow up challenges you encounter in your communities, (i.e. families that live on the reservation, in a border town, socioeconomic challenges, etc.)?

– How do you address them?
Scenario 4

– Should you screen babies with one normal looking ear and one malformed ear; atresia, microtia, closed canal?

– What are the possible risks of doing so?
Scenario 5

– When is an appropriate time and age to screen a NICU baby?

– Should you wait until close to discharge to screen and why?
**Scenario 6**

- Can you screen babies on aminoglycosides/gentamycin or should you wait until they have been discontinued?
- What are the potential risks of waiting?
Questions?

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