

# NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING IN GRACE CENTRE FOR NEWBORN CARE PROCEDURE®

## DOCUMENT SUMMARY/KEY POINTS

- This document should be read in conjunction with the State-wide Infant Screening Hearing (SWISH) Guideline from Western Sydney Local Health District, May 2012. [http://www0.health.nsw.gov.au/policies/gl/2010/pdf/GL2010\\_002.pdf](http://www0.health.nsw.gov.au/policies/gl/2010/pdf/GL2010_002.pdf).
- Infants 4 hours or older, 34 weeks gestational age or greater and less than 6 months of age are included in the program.
- Eligible infants have a patient label placed in the Newborn Screening Book.
- Screening staff from WSLHD attend the unit to conduct screening every Wednesday. They will obtain an up-to-date patient list and note new admissions as well as make up report forms for newborns that have not had a hearing screen and place those forms in the SWISH CHW nursery folder.
- Screening staff will liaise with the NUM to determine if any neonates are being discharged who need a hearing screen performed prior to discharge.
- In the event of an unplanned discharge please contact the SWISH manager.
- Any newborn not screened at CHW will be referred to the SWISH Manager WSLHD who will email the LHD SWISH Manager where the newborn was born to organise an outpatient appointment in a facility geographically accessible.
- Written consent is obtained for neonates separated from their parents to perform a hearing screen.
- Staff will give parents/guardians verbal and written information including the brochure on the nature and purpose of hearing screen 'Why does my baby need a hearing check?' [www.health.nsw.gov.au/initiatives/swish](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/initiatives/swish) or relevant SWISH brochure.
- The SWISH result is recorded electronically at CHW and in the newborn's PHR (Personal Health Record Book) and a blue swish dot is placed on the newborns cot

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card when SWISH is completed.

- The NUM's are notified of the number of pass and refer results.
- SWISH Manager WSLHD: Phone: 8759 3393 Mobile: 0438165372 Fax: 8759 3550

**Note:** The policy has been developed by WSLHD for WSLHD staff to screen neonates in GCNC.

## CHANGE SUMMARY

Summary of changes to the practice of newborn hearing screening

- Information updated to reflect changes in days of service
- Hyperlink to Western Sydney Local Health District policy added to document

## READ ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

- All clinical staff in CHW Grace Centre for Newborn Care should be aware of this document.

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