

Testing your child's hearing

Your child's hearing test is scheduled on:

Date: _____

Time: _____

Please come to the:

**Audiology Clinic
Ron Joyce Children's
Health Centre
325 Wellington Street North
Hamilton, Ontario
905-521-7951**

Ron Joyce Children's Health Centre is located in central Hamilton, next to the Hamilton General Hospital.

Getting ready to come to the clinic

Keep your child **AWAKE** as you travel to the clinic!

Your child must be tired and ready to sleep for the hearing test. Please keep him or her awake until you come to the clinic.

Here are some ideas to make sure your child will be ready to sleep when you arrive:

- wake your child earlier than normal on the day of the test.
- keep your child awake for several hours before the test.
- bring someone with you to keep your child awake as you travel to the clinic. Try wiping a cold, wet cloth on your child's face to keep him or her awake as you travel.

Please bring any special toys or blankets that your child likes when sleeping. These familiar things may help your child sleep for the test.

When you arrive at the clinic

You will meet the Audiologist who will test your child's hearing.

The Audiologist will take you and your child to the testing room and explain how the test is done. Your child must fall asleep for the test to be done. The hearing test will not start until your child is deeply asleep.

Feeding your child may help him or her fall asleep. You may breastfeed or give your child a bottle after he or she is prepared for the test. Your child may also use a pacifier to help him or her sleep. There is a rocking chair and a hospital crib in the test room for your use. You may bring your stroller or car seat to use during the test.

Please be sure to bring your child's health card.

Testing your child's hearing

You can stay with your child during the entire test.

To check your child's hearing, the Audiologist will attach 4 small leads, or electrodes, behind each ear and on your child's forehead.

When your child is asleep, an earphone will be inserted to one ear at a time and responses to the sounds are measured.

The test takes up to 60 minutes after your child falls asleep. If your child does not sleep for the test, another appointment will be booked.

The Audiologist will explain the results of the test to you.

Directions

By HSR bus system:

- Barton #2

From Niagara Region:

- Take QEW to Hamilton and exit at Burlington St. E. (Exit 90).
- Continue on Burlington St. E.
- Turn left onto Wellington St. N.
- The Ron Joyce Children's Health Centre is on the right.

From Toronto or Brant:

- Take Highway 403 to Hamilton and exit at Main Street East.
 - Take Main St. to Victoria Ave.
 - Continue on Victoria Ave. past Barton St.
 - Turn left onto Bridge St.
 - Turn left onto Wellington St.
 - The Ron Joyce Children's Health Centre is on the right.
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From Hamilton Mountain:

- Take the Claremount Access straight onto Victoria Ave.
- Continue on Victoria Ave. past Barton St.
- Turn left onto Birge St.
- Turn left onto Wellington St.
- The Ron Joyce Children's Health Centre is on the right.

Questions?

If you have any questions about your child's hearing test, keeping your child awake, or driving directions, please call us.

Hamilton Health Sciences Audiology Clinic

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We will be pleased to help you!