

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOUR BABY FOR THEIR HEARING SCREENING

Dear Parents & Care Providers

The Simcoe Muskoka Parry Sound Infant Hearing Program at the Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH), in Barrie would like to inform you about the Universal Newborn Hearing Program and the Risk Factor Screen.

The intake worker from RVH will call you within 1-3 weeks to schedule a hearing screening for your baby at a clinic location close to where you live. We offer clinics in Barrie, Orillia, Collingwood, Alliston, Bradford, Midland, Gravenhurst, Huntsville and Parry Sound.

Also, we will discuss the option of having your baby's blood spot screened for cCMV (congenital cytomegalovirus) and some common genetic risk factors associated with early childhood hearing loss.

We would like to have your baby's hearing screened before 4 weeks of age. If you do not hear from our program within 3 weeks, please contact us at 705-739-5696 or 1-800-675-1979 to schedule your infant's appointment.

The Infant Hearing Program needs to see your child prior to 2 months of age, after this time a referral from your family physician to a Pediatric Audiologist will be necessary for testing.

Thank you!

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Inspiring care...

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