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Hearing Assessment

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You have been referred for a hearing assessment appointment which will last up to one hour. You will be seen by an audiologist, who is a healthcare scientist specialising in hearing and balance. You are welcome to bring a friend or relative to your appointment.

Tests

All tests will be fully explained before starting and will only be carried out with your consent.

You may receive some or all of the tests depending upon which ones the audiologist feels are appropriate.

Ear examination

Hearing test – this involves you pressing a button every time you hear a tone. A wide range of tones are presented through headphones. The quietest tones you can hear are recorded, and from this any hearing loss, its type and nature are determined.

Testing your ear drums – a soft tip is placed in your ear canal. You will feel a slight pressure for a few seconds and hear a low pitched tone. A chart is recorded showing the audiologist how well your eardrum moves and whether you have any congestion behind the ear drum.

Results

The audiologist will go through your results with you on the day. They will also discuss all treatment options; these may include referral for further tests or to another speciality.

Important information

Please bring any hearing aids and/or moulds with you to the appointment.

What does the hearing assessment involve?

The audiologist will ask you a number of questions and may complete a questionnaire. These will help to determine how healthy your ears are and if your hearing and balance are effecting your life.

Communication needs

If you require an interpreter at your appointment, please telephone 0121 371 4756 or email: interpreting.service@uhb.nhs.uk

Students

Please note that as this is a teaching hospital, a student may carry out some or all of your appointment under supervision of a qualified audiologist. If you do not wish to have a student present during your appointment please let reception know on your arrival.

Patient Transport

If you are eligible for patient transport, please contact West Midlands Ambulance non-emergency Patient Transport Service on 0800 035 6511. Please note that transport is only available for Monday to Friday appointments.

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