

EAR, NOSE AND THROAT ASSOCIATES OF CHESTER COUNTY

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ABR TEST INSTRUCTIONS

****PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS AT LEAST 48 HOURS PRIOR TO TEST TO ENSURE INSTRUCTIONS ARE FOLLOWED PROPERLY. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY INCUR A \$75 CHARGE.**

ABR test is performed in the **EXTON OFFICE!** **DATE/TIME** _____

Please bring a referral if your insurance requires one.

Patients arriving more than 15 minutes late will be rescheduled.

Please follow these instructions. Failure to do so could result in cancellation.

1. **NO CAFFEINE, NICOTINE, or OTHER STIMULANTS** on the day of the test.
2. **NO MAKEUP, LOTIONS, OILS, CREAMS...** on the day of the test. (Lipstick is allowed.)
3. **CONTINUE TO TAKE YOUR MEDICATIONS** as prescribed.
4. **DO NOT WEAR ANY EARRINGS.**

The ABR is a test, which is used to check the condition of nerve pathways. The results will assist your physician in evaluation and diagnosis. Testing is completed in *approximately one-half of an hour.*

Your skin will be cleansed with alcohol and a mild abrasive cream on your forehead and earlobes. Electrodes will be applied to these locations. The electrodes carry information about nerve activity to the computer. There is no input of any kind to the patient from the electrodes. Insert earphones will be placed in the ear canal and you will hear loud clicks in both ears. These clicks are not loud enough to do any damage to your hearing.

You will be asked to relax on a table. Earplugs will be placed in your ears, and you will hear clicking sounds. One ear is tested at a time. During the test, **IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU REMAIN STILL AND RELAXED. SLEEPING IS PERMITTED.**

****IMPORTANT:** *If you are unable to make your scheduled appointment, please give us at least 48 hours notice. Due to the time required for this testing, we find it necessary to charge patients who cancel with less than 48 hours notice or who fail to show up for their scheduled appointment. The charge is \$75 per appointment.* Cancellation of two appointments or failure to show up will result in the above charges and the test will need to be *prepaid* by the patient prior to testing.

Also, if any portion of this test is not covered or a copay is due, you may receive a balance bill from our Billing Department.

Please call the Audiology Department with questions, cancellations, or if you happen to neglect to follow the instructions above. The Audiology Department can be reached at (610) 363-2532, ext. 117. The administrative assistant to the Audiology Department is Lori Garfinkle, and her hours are Monday-Friday, 8 AM – 4 PM.