

How do you do a hearing screening/test on patients less than one who cannot be referred to an audiologist without sedation?

1. I use an OAE to test evoked responses as long as they don't have middle ear effusions or was occlusion. We use a tympanometer to confirm mobile TM's. The nurse performs the OAE test that takes less than 1 min per ear. The machine costs around \$1,800 Medicaid reimburses about \$50 and Insurance about \$75. We do this starting around 1yr to about age 4.
2. I would wait until they were old enough to not need sedation. Our hearing tests are easily done on children less than 1 year of age.
3. I send quite a few people to health departments who perform audiology screens for pediatrics using the monkey in a corner technique. The mother is able to sit in the booth with them so they are not afraid. This is what we did with my son when he was one.