

POLICY TITLE: Audiological Testing

POLICY STATEMENT: will provide hearing assessments at each physical examination and as deemed medically necessary.

PROCEDURE:

- A. Purpose
 - 1. To provide basic assessment of audiological acuity.

- B. Equipment
 - 1. Audiometer
 - 2. Selection of small, medium and large speculums
 - 3. Alcohol swab
 - 4. Audiological testing graph.

- C. Steps
 - 1. Instruct the patient on the procedure.
 - 2. Select the proper size of speculum after assessing the ear canal.
 - 3. Turn on the audiometer.
 - 4. Insert the speculum comfortably into the ear canal allowing the visualization of the tympanic membrane. Seal the opening of the ear canal.
 - 5. Press the start button and begin testing.
 - 6. Once testing has completed, remove audiometer from ear.
 - 7. Record results on audiological testing graph.
 - 8. Cleanse speculum with alcohol swab and replace audiometer on charger.
 - 9. Circle charge for hearing test on encounter form.