



THE HEARING AND DEVELOPMENT CLINIC

The Hearing and Development Clinic is a specially designed clinic to meet the needs of children diagnosed with permanent hearing loss.

This pamphlet is provided so that you will be fully informed about the clinic and will know what to expect during your visit.

We would like you to read this pamphlet prior to your visit.

Goal

The goal of the Hearing and Development Clinic is to enable children with a hearing loss to maximize their communication skills so they can reach their full potential.

Staff Members

The Hearing and Development Clinic is staffed by a number of different individuals who have special training in assessing and treating children with hearing loss.

When attending the Clinic you will meet with:

- a Registered Nurse
- an Audiologist who measures hearing and checks your child's hearing aids
- a Pediatrician who will assess the development of your child
- an Otologist who will examine your child's ears
- a Speech-Language pathologist who will assess your child's speech and language development.

Patients

- The Hearing and Development Clinic assesses children between birth and 16 years of age who have a significant hearing loss.

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Our hospital is a **scent-safe** environment.
Please refrain from wearing scented products.

- Patients can be referred to this clinic by their Family Doctor, Pediatrician, Otolaryngologist, Audiologist or staff of the Hearing and Development Clinic.

Clinic Visits

- Patients will be seen as soon as possible after they have been diagnosed with hearing loss.
- Patients are then followed according to their needs, usually on an annual basis.
- It is vital that patients make regular return visits as this allows the clinic staff to monitor their progress, to identify areas of need and to direct therapy.
- When visiting the clinic you will see most, if not all, of the clinic staff.
- **The average clinic visit lasts approximately 2 hours to 2 ½ hours.** We ask that you prepare yourself and your child accordingly.
- We will make every effort to coordinate your appointments with the various members of the clinic, but there may be an occasional wait between visits with each team member.

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