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Audiology & Hearing Therapy Department

AUDITORY BRAINSTEM RESPONSE (ABR)

PLEASE READ THIS INFORMATION BEFORE YOUR ABR APPOINTMENT

You have been referred by the ENT Doctor for a specialised hearing test (ABR). This test will take approximately one hour and thirty minutes.

You will be seen by a qualified Audiologist, who is registered with The Registration Council for Clinical Physiologists. We are a training site for student Audiologists through The Middlesex University and University College London (UCL) on occasions you may see a student under supervision of an Audiologist. If you wish a student audiologist not to be present please contact us.

The test procedure is non-intrusive and will cause no discomfort to you. We will first take short medical history from you and look in your ears to ensure that your ears are not blocked with wax or discharge.

You will be required to lie on a bed and relax. The Audiologist will clean your skin with a wipe and scrub. Four electrodes are then placed on your head, one behind each ear and two on your forehead. These electrodes are placed on by an adhesive strip on the electrode. A set of headphones are placed over your ears and the lights are turned off to help you relax. You will hear clicking sounds through the headphones, you do not respond to these sounds, you just relax and the electrodes do all the recordings.

AFTER THE ABR

At the end of the appointment you will be asked if you have a follow up ENT appointment to obtain the results of the test, if you have not an appointment one will be arranged for you.

If you have any queries do not hesitate to contact us.

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