Hearing Loss in Infants and Children

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

This module will discuss the causes, identification, diagnosis and effects of congenital hearing loss. The following topics will be included:

- Brief overview of the anatomy and physiology of the ear
- Types of hearing loss
- Newborn hearing screening and follow-up
- How hearing is tested in infants and young children
- Effects of hearing loss on speech and language development
- Communication options for hearing impaired infants
- Overview of aural habilitation programs for infants

REFERENCES


**Websites:**

American Speech Language Hearing Association: ASHA.org

NCHAM (National Center for Hearing and Management): www.Infanthearing.org

Hands & Voices: Handsandvoices.org

AG Bell Association: AGBell.org

Center for Disease Control, EHDI Program: CDC.gov

**SUGGESTED ASSIGNMENT**

There is a plethora of information for parents of hearing impaired infants on the internet. For this assignment, you will review three websites (listed below) that offer high quality and authoritative information for parents. Discuss the educational content of each website and summarize the resources that each offers for parents.

- Are there differences in underlying philosophy or point of view regarding management of hearing loss in infants among the websites? Discuss.
- Which website(s) would you recommend for parents? Why?
- NCHAM (National Center for Hearing and Management): www.Infanthearing.org
- Hands & Voices: www.Handsandvoices.org
- AG Bell Association: www.AGBell.org