

What is a BAER? BAER Test Information

VERY IMPORTANT:

- ***We need your child to arrive sleepy to this appointment. Only allow your child to sleep 4 or 5 hours the night before. Allow even less sleep if your child does not fall asleep easily.***
- ***Do not let your child sleep/nap AT ALL after you wake up your child.***
- ***Follow the food/drink instructions: All food and non-clear liquids (examples are formula, milk, orange juice and apple cider) must be stopped 6 hours before the visit. Water, Pedialyte, Gatorade and clear apple juice must be stopped 2 hours before the visit.***
- ***Your child must be healthy! Please notify the Outpatient Sedation Department of any change to your child's health and/or medical condition.
Should your child become sick, please contact the sedation team to discuss if sedation should be postponed by calling 858.966.6089.***
- ***Your child will be given Precedex Nasal spray to help them sleep. The nasal spray is not painful. The medication is not anesthesia.***

If these items are not followed, we will reschedule the test.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- ***This test is at the main hospital, NOT at our Clinic.***
- ***Please arrive 30 minutes prior to your child's appointment time.***
- ***You will be with your child the entire time.***

SUGGESTIONS:

- ***Bring a comforting blanket or toy from home to help your child fall asleep.***

What is a BAER Test?

BAER stands for Brainstem Auditory Evoked Response. We are recording the activity from your child's ear and hearing nerve. We attach 3 wires to your child (forehead and behind each ear) using a sticker with adhesive and a soft earphone is placed in the ear. It does not cause pain.

Why does my child need a BAER Test?

Some children are unable to do a standard hearing test. This can be due to their age or their level of cooperation.

If the audiologist does not think he/she can get good information with a regular hearing test, a BAER test will be recommended.

Why does my child need a sedative?

The Brainstem also reacts to muscle tension in the body. So, any muscle movement will change the recording and make the test results incorrect.

When will I know the results?

The audiologist who does the test may be able to give you results at the end of your visit. Sometimes, he/she will need more time to review the information, but you will get results soon.