
PEEL AUDIOLOGY & HEARING AID SERVICES

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Infant Hearing Program

The Infant Hearing Program continues to screen all babies born in Ontario for hearing loss. Also, any baby identified as at risk for hearing loss will be followed using the surveillance protocol involving ABR testing at 4 months of age and Visual Reinforcement Audiometry at 1 year of age (see attached table of at risk criteria).

The program has now been expanded. Previously hearing impaired children were only seen for two years post fitting with amplification. Now all children identified with permanent hearing loss are eligible for services through the Infant Hearing Program until they enter grade one.

Any infant in your care under the age of 2 years can be referred to the infant hearing program if there are concerns about their hearing. Children over two can receive funded services once a permanent hearing loss is identified.

Loudness Discomfort

Most people do not like loud noise but some people have particularly sensitive ears and can not tolerate even ordinary levels of noise. **Hyperacusis** is sensitivity to loud sounds and can occur in individuals with normal hearing however is most often associated with hearing loss. **Recruitment** is an abnormal growth in loudness of sounds and only occurs in individuals with hearing loss. A small increase in noise level may seem much greater to the individual with recruitment. They will then have a reduced **dynamic range** – the difference between the softest sound an individual can hear and a sound that is uncomfortably loud.

Modern digital hearing aids use compression to compensate for the wearers reduced dynamic range or recruitment. The hearing aid will reduce the gain for loud sounds to fit the wearers comfort zone.

Peel Audiology and

Hearing Aid Services

Janet Michaud and Lynne Burdett have been in Brampton for 18 years. Initially at Peel Memorial Hospital and in private practice for the past 11 years.

Peel Audiology & Hearing Aid Services is a full time clinic providing complete audiological assessments for all ages including hearing aid evaluations and fittings. We offer all makes and models of hearing aids from basic to the most advanced digital technology.

The Assistive Devices Program continues to provide a \$500 grant per ear for hearing aids every 3 years. All hearing aids are purchased with a minimum 30-day trial period.

Appointments can be made by calling Kim or Kathy at 874-4911 or giving your patient a referral to arrange their own appointment. Referrals can also be faxed to 874-0834. If you need more referral pads please call us.

Thank you for your continued support!!

Lynne Burdett and Janet Michaud, Audiologists