

### **What to expect at the appointment:**

The hearing appointment can take up to 3 hours. You may be at the hospital for longer if you are also booked for additional appointments (e.g. Social Work, ENT). Please review your itinerary.

Your child's hearing will be tested. Your child will be awake and will listen for sounds through speakers, headphones and hearing aids (if applicable). If your child uses hearing aids, please remember to bring them and ensure the ear moulds fit well.

This appointment is a consultation and does not mean your child will be receiving implants. We will discuss results of the hearing test with you and have a general discussion about cochlear implants.

You will be busy with your child throughout the appointment. Other children may not be in the room for a significant portion of the time. Please make care arrangements for siblings or take advantage of the Sibling Support Centre (<http://www.bcchildrens.ca/our-services/support-services/sibling-support-centre>).

We will be presenting a lot of information that likely is new to you. It may be helpful to have another parent/caregiver present to help with information retention.

### **What to bring to the appointment:**

If applicable, hearing aids with moulds that fit well.

If applicable, bring food for your child.

Consider bringing toys from home to keep your child entertained during non-test time.

### **What happens after the appointment:**

The team will meet on a future date to review all results (hearing test, CT/MRI, Social Work visit, etc.) and discuss whether a cochlear implant is recommended. You will then be contacted by the Cochlear Implant Team to discuss our recommendation.

### **Support:**

If you live outside of the Lower Mainland, there may be supports for travel and/or accommodations. Please contact our Social Worker Jessica Lenihan at [Jessica.lenihan@cw.bc.ca](mailto:Jessica.lenihan@cw.bc.ca) to discuss. You can also contact the Social Worker if you need to discuss any concerns you have about the appointment/process.