

## Patient Instructions for Auditory Brainstem Response (ABR) Test

Your doctor has ordered an Auditory Brainstem Response (ABR) test for you. The purpose of this test is to give the doctor information about your auditory system from your inner ear up to the brainstem.

The test is:

- Simple
- Painless
- Lasts approximately one hour

### During the Test

Surface electrodes will be placed on your skin, forehead, and ears. You will listen to clicking sounds presented through soft earplugs. The test equipment will record the responses from parts of your auditory system while you relax.

### After the Test

Analysis of the results will be done by the audiologist and your otolaryngologist after the test has been completed. Your doctor will either have you schedule a separate appointment to discuss the test results, or they will call you, send you a MyChart message or contact you by mail with the test findings.

Your ABR test appointment is scheduled for \_\_\_\_\_  
at \_\_\_\_\_.

Please come to the Otolaryngology (ENT) Clinic at the University Hospital.

### Who to Call

If you have any questions, please call us in the clinic.

Otolaryngology Clinic/Audiology Section  
University Hospital  
600 Highland Avenue, G3/213  
Madison, WI 53792-2400  
**(608) 263-6190**  
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Your health care team may have given you this information as part of your care. If so, please use it and call if you have any questions. If this information was not given to you as part of your care, please check with your doctor. This is not medical advice. This is not to be used for diagnosis or treatment of any medical condition. Because each person's health needs are different, you should talk with your doctor or others on your health care team when using this information. If you have an emergency, please call 911. Copyright © 3/2025 University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics Authority. All rights reserved. Produced by the Department of Nursing. HF#8411.