

Potomac Ear, Nose and Throat

What to Expect:

Adult/Child (5 years and older) Hearing Test/Audiogram:

The Audiologist will walk you to the testing room. We perform our tests in a Calibrated Sound Booth.

The Audiologist will ask you, "What brings you in?" and gain some history and/or symptoms.

We will use an Otoscope to look in your ears.



The Audiologist will perform a short check of how your eardrum is moving by placing a soft tipped probe at the opening of your ear canal. You will hear a low hum sound and feel a short pressure change or vibration/tickle in your ear. There is no pain associated with this test for most patients.

We will step out of the booth and close the booth door for best results. You will be able to see the Audiologist through a window in the booth as we sit at the audiometer.

We can hear you through our headset and you will be able to hear us through our microphone. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to ask.



Note: There are patients that have a history of claustrophobia, in this case, we may not close the door to allow for ease of testing or decreased symptoms of nervousness.

We will instruct you to press a button when you hear beeps. We will place a set of red and blue headphones over your ears, or we will place soft, foam insert earphones into the opening of your ears.

We will usually only present tones to one ear at a time. They will be very, very soft, but if you hear the beeps, you should press the button.

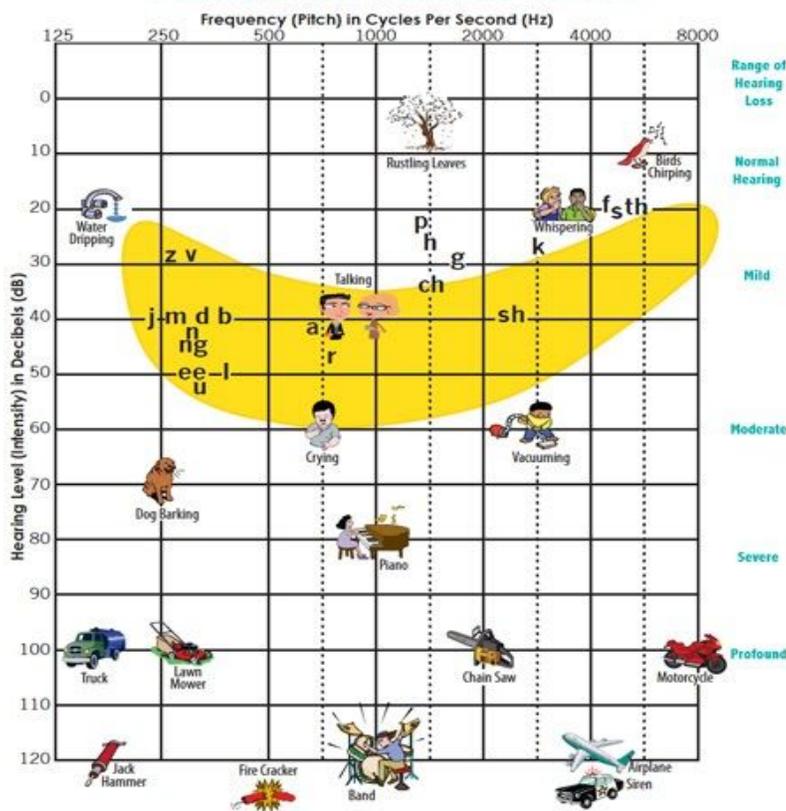
We will present words for you to repeat. Some words are presented at a decreasing level, you should try to repeat the words as well as you can, and if you cannot hear it anymore, that's O.K., that simply means we are below your hearing levels. We will also present additional words at a level you are sure to hear the words. Again, you will attempt to repeat the words to the best of your ability, even if you think you will be incorrect.



If necessary, we may need to assess your hearing thresholds using a bone conduction headband. This is a headband that will allow you to hear the tones through the skull. It's very simple and painless. You may also hear static noise during this test in one ear or the other. You will be instructed to ignore the noise, and press the button for the beeps only.

You are all done! We will proceed to explain the results of your hearing test and then have you see the ENT after your test for further discussion and/or treatment and follow up.

Audiogram of Familiar Sounds



Note: Testing may not occur in this exact order given age or reliability of the patient.