

How can you access the program?

- **Children** do not need a referral. Parents can call to request an appointment if they have concerns.
- **Adults** need a referral from their doctor, nurse practitioner, or another healthcare provider.
- Services by the **Teacher of the Hearing Impaired** are for preschool children in the Brandon/Southern PMH areas with permanent hearing loss. Referrals must come from the Audiologist or from other professionals working with those children.

How long will I have to wait for a hearing test?

- Wait times will vary throughout the region.
- Patients are prioritized based on symptoms/ hearing issues.
- Children are typically given priority.

All services are provided at no cost.

Locations:

Brandon Audiology Department

Town Centre- Public Health Services
A5-800 Rosser Ave.
Brandon, MB. R7A 6N5

Please direct all correspondence to:

Ph: 204-578-2390

Fax: 204-629-3465

Dauphin/Swan River Audiology Department

Dauphin Regional Health Centre
625, 3rd Street, SW
Dauphin, MB R7N 1R7

Swan Valley Health Centre
1101 Main Street
Swan River, MB R0L 1Z0

Please direct all correspondence to:

Ph: 204-638-2164

Fax: 204-629-3430



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Our Team

Audiologists

- Members of the College of Speech Language Pathologists and Audiologists of Manitoba (CASLPM)
- Master's Degree or a Clinical Doctorate Degree in Audiology
- Screen, assess, identify, diagnose, and manage hearing loss, auditory processing disorders, and other auditory/balance disorders for people of all ages.

Teacher of the Hearing Impaired

- Bachelor of Education Degree, a Manitoba Teacher's License, and certification in Deaf Education.
- Provide home/community based intervention for preschoolers with diagnosed permanent hearing loss.

Audiology Assistants

- Audiology Assistant Certificate
- Work in a supportive role with Audiologists
- May also perform tasks that are delegated and supervised by an Audiologist.

Newborn Hearing Screeners

- Provide hearing screening services to newborns in hospitals and in Audiology Departments.

Administrative Staff

- Serve as a point of contact for patients and referrals. Books all patient appointments.
- Supports the Audiology staff in their daily duties.

What services are provided?

Audiology

- Assessment and screening of hearing for infants, children, and adults.
- Diagnosis of hearing loss, counseling about the type, degree and effects of the hearing loss.
- Selection/fitting of hearing aids, FM systems, and other assistive devices for children under the age of 18 through the Manitoba Children's Hearing Aid plan.
- Follow up from school screening programs.
- Participation in Preschool Wellness Fairs.
- Auditory processing assessment (8 years and older).
- Consultation with/referral to early intervention programs, and other professionals
- Counselling on the proper use of hearing protection and the importance of protecting hearing in excessive noise.



Teacher of the Hearing Impaired

- Provides home/community based intervention with preschoolers diagnosed with permanent hearing loss.
- Provides demonstration therapy to parents, caregivers and involved professionals along with working towards improving speech, auditory skills, receptive and expressive language and school readiness skills.
- Setting goals and providing strategies to parents of children with hearing loss.

Universal Newborn Hearing Screening Program (UNHS)

- 2 to 3 out of every 1000 babies are born in Canada each year with a hearing loss.
- This program helps to identify children with hearing loss or those who are at risk for hearing loss so they may receive diagnostic and intervention services early.
- The critical years for developing speech and language are 0-3 years of age.
- An undetected/untreated hearing loss can cause delayed speech-language development, social and emotional issues, and difficulties in school.

Where does screening take place?

Screening will be offered shortly after birth at:

- Brandon Regional Health Centre
- Dauphin Regional Health Centre
- Neepawa Health Centre

If your baby was not born in one of these centres you can have your healthcare provider fax a UNHS referral form to the following to request an appointment:

Fax: 204-578-2823

