

Children's Therapy Network of Manitoba

Priority Ratings: Audiology

Priority Level	Ideal Timeframe	Presenting Concerns/Diagnosis
1	Within 24 hours	Sudden onset of hearing loss/sudden change in hearing (occurring with past 72 hours)
	Within 2-4 weeks	Request for second opinion audiological assessment
		Child with hearing loss/amplification being transferred (requiring immediate follow-up)
		Referrals for amplification where hearing loss identified elsewhere
		new referrals with risk factors for hearing loss (not part of UNHS)
		Infants referred from UNS for diagnostic testing/not routine surveillance
		Recent head or ear trauma
		Oncology or ototoxic monitoring
		Severe vertigo, severe dizziness with nausea/significant change in hearing in past 6 months
		New onset of unilateral hearing loss and/or unilateral tinnitus in past 6 months
		Pre or post-operative assessments for clients already on caseload
		New referral requesting ear impressions (e.g. for swim molds)
	Per Audiologist's recall note	All Caseload Clients – reassessment as indicated in audiologist f/u plan or as needed (booked before Priority 2 referrals)
	Timing very important for all children with Hearing Aids	UNHS HRI Surveillance referrals and f/u to be booked at designated f/u time
		Hearing Aid / earmold / FM troubleshoot, repairs, impressions
		Hearing Aid / earmold / FM System fittings / rechecks / adjustments
		Medical monitoring for middle ear issues
		Children with hearing loss/hearing aids being transferred for routine f/u – time specified
2	Within 4-8 weeks	Preoperative assessment for new referrals
		Recurrent or severe middle ear pathology
		Tympanic membrane perforation and/or ear drainage
		Referrals from audiological screening programs (e.g. school screening)
		2 year old with “No” speech
3	Within 3 months	Post-operative assessment for newly referred client
		Under 3 years with speech and language delay/disorder
		Referred by other specialist where hearing is not only concern (SLP/Resource Teachers/Psychologist) e.g. learning disability, ADHD, ASD
4	Within 6 months	Other not having higher priority (request for baseline/not always responsive)
Book all P4 C & Y before P4 Adults	(in regions where services are provided)	Auditory Processing Difficulty (CASD)

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