

Now what?

Learning of your child's hearing loss can be hard. You may have many thoughts and questions. You may forget to ask certain questions. You may not know what to ask at appointments.

Below are some questions that may be helpful to ask your audiologist. This list is just a starting point to help you begin to better understand your child's hearing loss.

Bring this question list to each appointment. It may help you remember the questions you want to ask.

The Diagnosis

- Can you explain my child's hearing loss?
- Can we review the next steps? This may include amplification, seeing an Ear, Nose and Throat doctor, or a referral for genetics.
- How do I find out the cause of my child's hearing loss?
- How will hearing loss affect my child's speech and language?
- How will the hearing loss affect my child's ability to do well in school, sports or other activities?

Management

- How often should my child wear their hearing devices? When should the devices **not** be worn?
- How often should I clean the hearing aid?
- What should I do if I have a concern with the hearing aid?
- How often are new earmolds needed? When will I know if new earmolds are needed?
- What are some ways to keep a hearing aid on my child?
- Are there ways for effective communication at home and at school?
- How do I get services at school? What special help could I expect?

Resources and Support

- What resources are there for families and children with hearing loss?
- How can I connect with other parents who have children with hearing loss?
- How can my child connect with another child with hearing loss?
- How can I support my child's speech and language development?

Other teaching sheets that may be helpful

- [#1899](#) Hearing loss resources: Birth to 3 years
- [#1900](#) Hearing loss resources: 3 to 21 years
- [#1915](#) American Sign Language resources

For more health and wellness information check out this resource:

<https://kidshealth.org/ChildrensWi/en/parents>

ALERT: Call your child's doctor, nurse, or clinic if you have any questions or concerns or if your child has special health care needs that were not covered by this information.

This sheet was created to help you care for your child or family member. It does not take the place of medical care. Talk with your healthcare provider for diagnosis, treatment and follow-up.