

Do any of the following describe your child?



Trouble understanding speech in a noisy environment

Confuses directions or cannot follow commands/multi-step directions

Asks speaker to repeat or says "what?", "Huh?" frequently

If this sounds familiar, your child may benefit from comprehensive Auditory Processing Assessment available in our office.



USEFUL WEBSITES

www.audiology.org

www.asha.org

www.ldonline.org



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AUDITORY PROCESSING DISORDER



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WHAT IS AUDITORY PROCESSING DISORDER

(APD)?

*Auditory processing refers to
“what we do with what we hear”.*

*An Auditory Processing Disorder is a
breakdown in one or more skills required
to be able to manage auditory input and
make sense of speech.*

RISK FACTORS FOR APD

- Family history
- Undiagnosed learning problems
- History of Otitis Media in early childhood
- Speech/Language delay

CHARACTERISTICS OF APD

- Difficulty understanding speech in a noisy or reverberant environment despite normal hearing acuity.
- Difficulty following information presented auditorily
- Inability to follow multi-step commands/instructions Inappropriate contributions to conversations (off-topic) Spelling and reading difficulties

THE EVALUATION PROCESS

Evaluation for auditory processing disorder takes place over three separate visits.

Visit 1: You and your child will meet with both the audiologist and with Dr. Wohl. During this visit your child will have a comprehensive Ears, Nose, Throat and Hearing evaluation to determine whether your child meets the criteria to be tested for APD.

Visit 2: Auditory Processing Testing. The audiologist will give your child different listening tasks in the sound booth. This visit takes approximately one to one and a half hours depending on how many breaks from testing your child may need.

Visit 3: At this visit test results will be explained in detail and resulting impact on your child’s auditory processing skills will be discussed.

Applicable, deficit-specific recommendations will also be made, with possible referral to other professionals for further evaluation.

Associated Costs

Auditory Processing Disorder is considered a medical condition, and as such, testing is covered by most insurance companies. Your usual specialist co-pay applies to each visit.

Some insurance companies require that testing be broken up over two separate days.

It is recommended that you check with your insurance provider to determine your financial responsibility so as to avoid any surprises.

