**Audiology**

Flinders Medical Centre Audiology Department conducts diagnostic hearing evaluations for patients of all ages.

- **Neonatal** (Auditory Brainstem Response (ABR) & Otoacoustic Emission (OAE))
- **Paediatric** (Visual Reinforcement Audiometry (VRA) & Play Audiometry)
- **General diagnostic hearing assessments**
- **Special Needs** Clinic for patients with developmental or physical disabilities.
- **Cochlear implant** candidacy assessment and implant management
- **Ototoxic Monitoring** (Aminoglycoside (eg high dose Amikacin/Gentamycin); Chemotherapy (Cisplatin))
- **Tinnitus** – hearing assessment, management guidance and information provision

Audiology has direct links to ENT and is able to refer directly in to ENT should it be required.

- **Note:** Neonatal ABR assessment is available via SA Health referral only

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**Services provided**

- Tinnitus
- Neonatal
- Paediatric
- General diagnostic hearing assessments
- Special Needs Clinic
- Cochlear
- Ototoxic Monitoring

**Services not provided**

- Central Auditory Processing Disorder (CAPD) assessment, vestibular evaluations, hearing aid counselling/provision/review, bone anchored hearing aids

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**For appointments contact Audiology**

Flinders Medical Centre  Fax:  8204 8941

For **URGENT** advice contact

Flinders Medical Centre  Ph:  8204 5511 or 8204 5933

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**Triage Criteria for Referral**

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- **Bacterial Meningitis**
- **Ototoxic Monitoring**, must be prior to planned cycle of treatment wherever possible
- **Pre-operative assessments** (where surgery is pending)
- **Sudden hearing loss**
- **Head trauma involving temporal bone, cochlear or ossicular chain**

- **Hearing assessment to assist in diagnosis of a syndrome or condition**
- **Hearing assessment where hearing loss is known to be associated with a diagnosed syndrome or condition**
- **Neonatal hearing screening failed to pass in both ears**
- **Full diagnostic hearing assessment where previous screening/testing suggests a possible significant or permanent hearing impairment** Hearing assessment to assist access to disability or education service Children with hearing concerns (Guardianship of the Minister)
- **Hearing loss or tinnitus is perceived to be asymmetrical between ears**

- **All other referrals where hearing loss or tinnitus are a concern.**

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General Information to assist with referrals and the and Referral templates for FMC and RGH are available to download from the SALHN Outpatient Services website [www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/SALHNoutpatients](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/SALHNoutpatients)

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