Rhode Island Hospital/ Hasbro Children’s Hospital
Auditory Processing Evaluation Program

Goal of the Program:
- To determine candidacy for evaluation.
- To collaborate with other specialists so the audiologist can provide a diagnosis.
- To identify children with auditory processing disorders and make educational recommendations to assist child’s hearing interaction in the classroom setting.
- To identify adults with Central Auditory Dysfunction to assist medical management, and provide strategies for improved hearing interaction.

Population We Serve:
Children and Adults.

Types of Testing /Services done:
- Audiological evaluation to rule out peripheral hearing loss
- Central Auditory Processing Test Battery may include:
  - Staggered Spondaic Word test
  - Competing Sentences test,
  - Pitch Pattern Sequence test
  - Random Gap Detection test
  - Dichotic Digits test.

A formal report is generated with recommendations for medical/school management in children or further medical management in the adult population.

What to Expect During the Evaluation Process:
- A written order is required from the referring physician to begin the process. For the children, results of psycho-educational testing are required from the school system or neuropsychologist to determine candidacy for auditory processing testing.
- A speech language evaluation may be provided if necessary.
- A Checklist for the teacher to complete describing auditory behavior in the classroom may be a part of this process.
- Prerequisite for testing is normal peripheral hearing sensitivity. Diagnostic testing will be performed if not already completed.
- Children must be at least 7 years of age for valid testing.

Our Team:
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Making an Appointment:
A referral from a physician is needed. It may be faxed to our department at 444-6212. An auditory processing informational brochure is mailed to the family advising of the need for school records as described above. Upon receipt of appropriate documentation the appointment is scheduled. We will contact you to arrange an appointment time and date.