

OREGON STATE HOSPITAL

PORTLAND – SALEM

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

SECTION 6: Patient Care

POLICY: 6.015

SUBJECT: Audiometric Screening

POINT

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I. POLICY

- A. Oregon State Hospital (OSH) shall establish procedures to ensure that audiometric screening is available for patients admitted to the hospital or residential treatment program.

II. PROCEDURES

- A. Medical Clinic staff shall conduct an audiometric screening of new or existing patients who have subjective or objective findings.
- B. The audiometric screening record shall be reviewed by the Clinic physician or trained nurse practitioner. If further diagnostic evaluation or treatment is needed, the Clinic physician shall write an order for unit staff to arrange for a specialized professional in the community to provide such services as needed.
- C. Completed audiometric screening records shall be kept in the Clinic file, and a copy shall be filed in the patient's medical record.
- D. Patients who remain hospitalized and/or are readmitted shall receive follow-up audiometric screening as needed. If clinically indicated, a patient could receive more frequent audiometric screenings.
- E. Clinic staff designated to perform audiometric screening shall be a Licensed Practical Nurse or Registered Nurse and be certified or possess documented training or competency, as per Clinic procedure.
- F. Quality and appropriateness of patient care shall be monitored and evaluated by the Clinic supervisor.

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III. REFERENCES

The Joint Commission Comprehensive Accreditation Manual for Hospitals

Replaces OSH Policy and Procedure 6.015, *Audiometric Screening*, dated 8/27/2009.