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DEPARTMENT OF PREVENTION OF COMMUNICATION DISORDER

**High Risk Register (HRR) - For Medical Persons
Screening for Communication Disorders in Children**



Tips to use this register:

- The questions in the high risk register (HRR) should be asked to parents/ caregivers of the child to screen for communication disorders in children due to hearing impairment, speech and language disorders.

Birth to 1 month

	<i>Risk factors</i>	Yes	No
1	Was the marriage of the child's parents consanguinous?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Was there any family history of permanent disabilities in early childhood related to speech and hearing abilities? (E.g. Sensorineural Hearing Impairment, Delayed Speech and Language, Mental Retardation or Delayed Motor Milestones)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Did the child's mother suffer from any diseases during pregnancy such as Measles, Mumps, Chickenpox, Herpes, Syphilis, Cytomegalovirus, Rubella or Toxoplasmosis?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Was the child's mother hospitalized for long period prior to the delivery of the child?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Did the child's mother take any ototoxic medications for any illness during pregnancy?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Did the mother have hypertension during pregnancy or during delivery?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Was there any history of maternal intake of alcohol or tobacco during pregnancy?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Was there any history of psychological trauma to the mother during pregnancy?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	Was there any history of sensory deprivation during pregnancy?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Was there any attempt of aborting the child?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Was the child born prematurely?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	Was the delivery abnormal? (E.g. Breech presentation, Precipitated, Prolonged etc)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	Was the baby's birth cry delayed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14	Was the cry of the baby unusual?(E.g. High pitched, very weak cry etc)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15	Was there fetal distress and birth asphyxia?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16	Was the child's weight less than 2.5 kg at birth?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17	Did the child have hyperbilirubinemia at a serum level requiring exchange transfusion soon after birth?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18	Did the child have APGAR scores of 0-4 at 1 minute or 0-6 at 5 minutes?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19	Was there any craniofacial anomaly including those with structural anomalies of the pinna and ear canal?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20	Was the baby affected by bacterial meningitis, especially H. Influenza	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- Depending on the age of the child, appropriate section in the HRR should be used.
- The risk factors which are positive and the age at which it occurred should be recorded by the professional as 'Yes' or 'No'

1 month to 3 years

	<i>Risk factors</i>	Yes	No
1	Did any one in the child's family have history of hearing impairment, delay in acquisition of speech and language skills/delay in physical development/mental retardation/any other speech & language disorder?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Did the child's mother have any infections such as Herpes, Syphilis, Cytomegalovirus, Rubella or Toxoplasmosis during pregnancy?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Did the child have hyperbilirubinemia at a serum level requiring exchange transfusion soon after birth?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Did the child have any craniofacial anomalies, including those with structural abnormalities of the pinna and ear canal?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Did the child have any of the conditions known to be associated with Sensorineural Hearing Impairment such as Mumps, Measles, Bacterial meningitis, Viral encephalitis or Labyrinthitis?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Do you feel that child's speech and language is not age appropriate?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Is there any delay in the child's speech and language development or motor development?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Does the child have difficulty in comprehending speech?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	Are the parents/caregivers concerned regarding the child's hearing, speech or developmental milestones?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Was there any history of inadequate or inappropriate stimulation by the family for the development of speech and language skills in the child?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Do you feel that child's speech and language is not age appropriate?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	Did the child have any trauma associated with loss of consciousness, skull fracture, bleeding or discharge from ear following trauma?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	Does the child have good comprehension for speech but cannot express through speech?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14	Did the child have any attack of convulsions or get hospitalized?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15	Did the child have recurrent or persistent Otitis media with middle ear effusion for at least 3 months?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16	Does the child have any difficulty in eye-hand coordination?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17	Was there any history of difficulties in gauging depth/distance of the object during the development of the child?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

18	Does the child have poor postural ability/poor gait/abnormal gait?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19	Does the child have any problem in chewing, biting and swallowing?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20	Is the child hyperactive?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21	Does the child have hypo/hyper sensitivity towards touch, smell, sound, taste or people?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22	Does the child exhibit any behavioral problems?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
23	Is the child poor in social skills?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
24	Was there any period of dysfluency of speech between 2-3 years of age?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
25	Does the child have hoarse/breathy/harsh/soft/very loud voice?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
26	Does the child have poor reading writing problems?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
27	Does the child have poor memory/concentration ability?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
28	Is the child generally a slow learner?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
29	Does the child produce errors while articulating speech sounds?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

NOTE: If the answer to any of the questions is 'YES', then the child may be at risk for speech, language & / or hearing disorder. Please refer this child for further evaluation to an Audiologist and Speech-Language Pathologist.

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