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ABR/ECOG Instructions

An ABR (auditory brainstem response) is a neurological test of auditory (hearing) function, which can evaluate the integrity of the hearing pathway. Clicks or tone bursts are presented to the ear and electrodes typically placed on the forehead and ear lobes measure the brainwave response. This test does not involve needle sticks and is not painful.

An ECOG (electrocochleogram) is a test of inner ear fluid balance. Too much fluid in the inner ear can play a role in patients with vertigo and fluctuating balance disturbance. Similar to an ABR, this test does not involve needle sticks and is not painful.

In order to achieve the best test results, you should carefully follow these instructions:

1. Dress comfortably, wearing flat or low-heeled shoes.
2. Wash your face thoroughly. Use no make-up, creams, or lotions.
3. Please empty your bladder before the test.

If you need to change your appointment time or if you have any questions, please contact the office.