CONGENITAL CYTOMEGALOVIRUS (cCMV) AND HEARING LOSS

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

cCMV IS COMMON; 1 in every 200 infants is born with cCMV. It is one of the leading causes of hearing loss and developmental disorders.

WHO SHOULD BE SCREENED FOR cCMV?

Beginning in 2024, infants born in Georgia who fail their final inpatient hearing screening should receive a CMV screen prior to discharge or before 21 days of age (whichever comes first).

HOW DO WE SCREEN FOR cCMV? Infants should be screened for cCMV within the first 21 days of age via infant's urine or saliva. After 21 days it is harder for doctors to know if CMV was present at birth. CMV caught after birth is generally harmless.



We have an implementation toolkit for you. **Scan QR Code** to learn more.

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