

Hearing Impaired Clinic for Children

Department of Audiology – (613) 546-3382

The Hearing Impaired Clinic is a specially designed clinic to meet the needs of the hearing impaired child.

This handout is provided so that you will be fully informed about the clinic and will know what to expect during your visit.

We would like you to read this handout prior to your visit.

Goal

The goal of the Hearing Impaired Clinic is to enable children with a hearing impairment to maximize their communication skills so they can reach their full potential.

Staff Members

The Hearing Impaired Clinic is staffed by a number of different individuals who have special training in assessing and treating the hearing impaired child.

When attending the Hearing Impaired Clinic you will meet with:

- a nurse;
- an Audiologist who measures hearing and checks your child's hearing aids;
- a Paediatrician who will assess the development of your child;
- an Otologist who will examine your child's ears;
- a Speech-Language pathologist who will assess your child's speech and language development.

The clinic may also be attended by a member of the Board of Education who acts as a liaison between us and the school your child attends.

Patients

- The Hearing Impaired Clinic assesses children between birth and 16 years of age who have a significant hearing impairment.
- Patients can be referred to the Hearing Impaired Clinic by their Family Doctor, Pediatrician, Otolaryngologist, or staff of the Hearing Impaired Clinic.

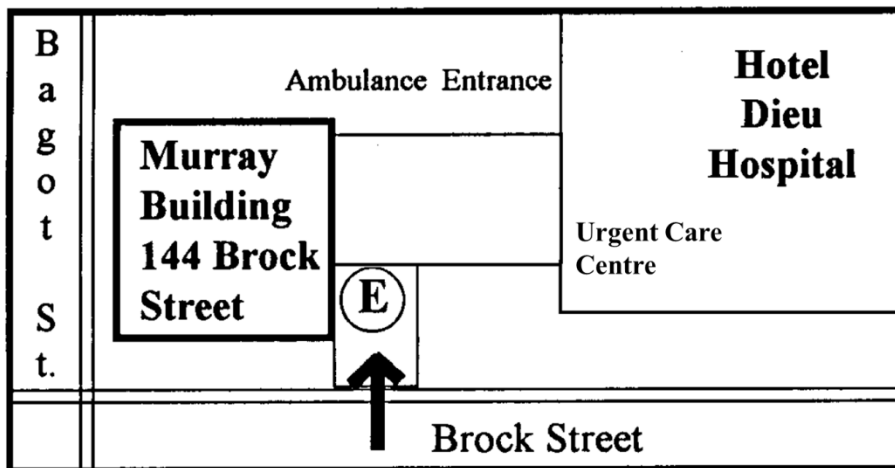
Clinic Visits

- Patients will be seen as soon as possible after they have been diagnosed as hearing impaired.
- Patients are then followed according to their needs, usually on an annual basis.

- It is vital that patients make regular return visits as this allows the clinic staff to monitor their progress, to identify areas of need, and to direct therapy.
- When visiting the clinic you will see most, if not all, of the clinic staff.
- The average clinic visit lasts approximately 2 hours to 2½ hours. We ask that you prepare yourself and your child accordingly.
- We will make every effort to coordinate your appointments with the various members of the Hearing Impaired Clinic, but there may be an occasional wait between visits with each team member.

How do I get to the Hearing Impaired Clinic?

The Hearing Impaired Clinic is located in the Murray Building at the Hotel Dieu Hospital.



Contact Information

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