

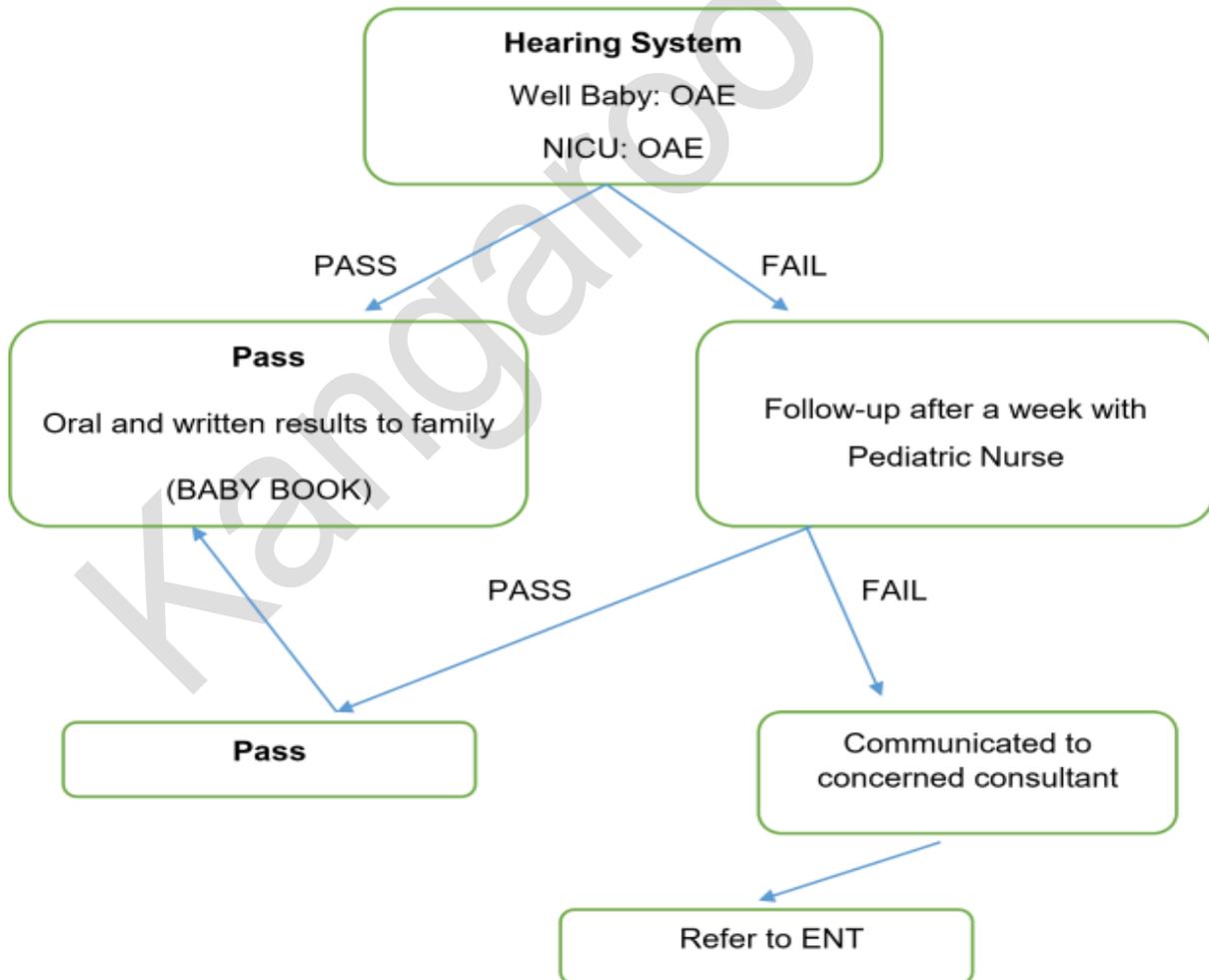
PROTOCOL FOR UNIVERSAL HEARING SCREEN

Incidence of bilateral congenital deafness is 1.5-6 per 1000 live births. Half of these are genetic and the other half are due to conditions like IU infections, ototoxic drugs etc.

In developed countries every child undergoes universal hearing screen.

All inborn and outborn babies admitted at Kangaroo Care Hospital undergo hearing test (OAE). In cases of refusal to undergo the test, signature is obtained from the parent acknowledging the same.

FIG: Algorithm for New Born Hearing Screening



Early Management

Once hearing defect is confirmed rehabilitative measures in the form of hearing aids supportive speech therapy or even cochlear implants may be advised.

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