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Optimised hearing aid provision for infants: Interdisciplinary collaboration focusing on paediatric audiology, paediatric acoustics and early intervention

Close collaboration between paediatric audiology, paediatric acoustics and early intervention is essential, especially when it comes to hearing aid provision for infants. This is where the course is set for hearing and speech development. Structured communication from the prescription onwards, and transparent coordination of the areas of responsibility are of great importance. Paediatric audiology diagnoses the hearing impairment, while paediatric acousticians select and adjust the hearing systems. At the same time, early intervention begins, involving parents in special programmes to promote hearing and speech development. An interdisciplinary working group under the umbrella of the German Society of Audiology has drawn up recommendations that promote the exchange of information and collaboration. Its recommendations can supplement the prescription and ensure a continuous exchange between diagnostics, hearing aid fitting, and early intervention.