

## Examination Protocol for Exposure to: NOISE

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Date	Patient Name	SSN	Unit
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IF EXAM TYPE IS	DO or COMPLETE THESE ITEMS
Initial/Baseline or Separation	CG-5447 History and Report of OMSEP Examination DD Form 2215 or equivalent locally reproduced version
Periodic	CG-5447A Periodic History and Report of Examination DD Form 2216 or equivalent locally reproduced version
Acute Exposure	Acute Exposure Form
All Types	Physician's notification regarding examination results. (Final action) DD Form 2216 or equivalent locally reproduced version

To the examining medical officer:

- ◆ You must follow-up any significant abnormality through to a physical diagnosis. Provide ICD codes.
- ◆ A significant threshold shift (STS) exists if the average change in hearing from the reference audiogram at, 2000, 3000, and 4000 Hz is greater than or equal to  $\pm 10$  dB in either ear.
- ◆ Additionally, any change of  $\pm 15$  dB at 1000, 2000, 3000, or 4000 Hz in either ear constitutes an STS.
- ◆ Do not apply the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) age corrections when determining STS.
- ◆ Follow-up audiograms must be conducted when an individual's audiogram shows an STS relative to the current reference audiogram in either ear. When a positive STS (decrease in hearing threshold) is noted, two 14-hour noise-free follow-up tests must be administered to confirm that the decrease in hearing is permanent. When a negative STS (improvement in hearing) is noted, one 14-hour noise-free follow-up tests must be administered.
- ◆ Medical evaluation is required to validate the existence of a permanent noise-induced threshold shift and/or to determine if further medical referral is required. That evaluation must be preformed by an audiologist, and otolaryngologist, or other knowledgeable physician.
- ◆ If, compared with the current reference audiogram, a loss of hearing of  $\geq 25$  dB in either ear at one or more of the speech frequencies (500, 1000, 2000, or 3000 Hz) is noted, the employee must be medically removed from further workplace exposure.
- ◆ If the patient is on multiple monitoring protocols, ensure each unique item is completed. However, it is not necessary to duplicate tests and forms.

Reviewing Authority Signature	Date
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