

Audiometric Providers List and Guidance Document

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Examinetics Inc.
8900 Indian Creek Parkway
Suite 500
Overland Park, KS 66210
(913)-748-2101
www.examinetics.com/
[mobile service]
[Bilingual Services]

Environmental Technology Corp.
11205 Alpharetta Highway; B-4
Roswell, GA 30076
(770) 475-2055
[mobile service]
www.etc-hearing.com

St. Mary's Hospital
St. Mary's Health Care System
1230 Baxter St.
(706) 389-2222 (for industrial service)
Athens, GA 30606
[mobile service]
www.stmarysathens.com/health-services/industrial-medicine/

TK Group, Inc.
1781 S Bell School Rd
Cherry Valley, IL 61016
(815)332-3460
Fax: (815)332-5082
[mobile service]
www.tkontheweb.com/

**University Health Care System
Occupational Health Center**
Dr. John Polak, DO
3121 Peach Orchard Rd., Suite 105
Augusta, GA 30906
(706) 792-5002
www.universityhealth.org/body.cfm?id=39139

**Southern Medical Hearing
Centers**
4190 Old Milton Pkwy #2E
Alpharetta, GA 30005
(770)462-2000

Professional Health Services
83 S. Eagle Rd.
Havertown, PA 19083
1-(800) 833-3005
[mobile service]
www.phsmobile.com/health_hearing.html

HearCare Audiology
1701 Boulevard Sq # F
Waycross, GA 31501
(912) 284-9200
Mobile van
www.hearcareaudiology.com/

Henderson and Associates
Mobile Health Services
PO Box 2443
Elizabeth City, NC 27909
252-331-1494
www.hendersonandassoc.com
Mobile van

University Hospital Speech and Hearing
1430 Harper St., Suite C3
Augusta, GA 30901
706/774-8666
www.universityhealth.org/body.cfm?id=38886

Central Florida Speech and Hearing
(863) 686-3189
3020 Lakeland Highlands
Rd., Lakeland, Florida
33805
Fax 863. 682.1348
www.cfshc.org/

The Speech and Hearing Center
2212 Encompass Drive
Suite 148
Chattanooga, TN 37404
www.speechhearing.com/industrial.php
(423) 498-6999
Mobile van

Gainesville Hearing Services
250 John W. Morrow Jr. Pkwy
Gainesville, Georgia, 30501
(770) 532-5092
www.gainesvillehearing.com/

Lamb Associates, Inc.
404 N Cedar Street
P.O. Box 638
Lumberton, NC 28359
(910) 739-3181
www.lambgroupllc.com

**Piedmont Physicians of
McDonough**
101 Regency Park Drive
Suite 150
McDonough, Georgia 30253
(678) 604-4081
www.piedmonthenry.org

Mack Stephens and Associates
P.O. Box 9742
Chattanooga, TN 37412
(423) 867-5700

Workplace Integra
420-B Gallimore Dairy Road
Greensboro, NC 27409
888-WPI-0001 • 336-834-8775
<http://www.workplaceintegra.com>

This is list of audiometric testing services has been compiled based on a search of services advertised on the internet, publications, and direct contact with providers, as of the date indicated above. It is provided to assist companies in finding an audiometric provider and does not constitute an endorsement of the company or product by the Georgia Tech. All companies providing these services are encouraged to contact the Safety and Health Consultation Program to be included on this list.

Guidance Questions for Selecting or Evaluating an Audiometric Testing Service

1. **Does the audiometric testing service (audiologist) provide on-site audiograms or use mobile vans to conduct the hearing tests?**
2. **Are the audiograms conducted so that they meet the requirements in Appendices C, D, and E of the OSHA Noise Standard in 29 CFR 1910.95?**
 - The audiometric testing group should be familiar with OSHA's Hearing Conservation Standard and be in compliance with the requirements for audiometric measuring instruments, audiometric test rooms, and acoustical calibration of audiometers.
3. **Does the audiometric testing service have a computer program, database, and/or software used to input the audiometric results? If yes, is this database/software made available to the company?**
 - Your company is responsible for maintaining records of all employees' audiometric results. To do this, it is best if you acquire the computer software/database used for inputting the audiometric results by the audiologist.
4. **Does the audiometric testing service have a method for accepting audiometric data from a previous audiometric service?**
 - It is essential that a company be able to compare the most recent audiometric tests to the original baseline audiogram, even if another audiometric testing service was used. Switching audiometric providers does not establish a new baseline.
5. **Does the audiometric testing service determine if there is a standard threshold shift (STS) by comparing the most recent audiometric results to a baseline audiogram?**
 - It is essential that the audiometric testing service compare the audiograms to determine if hearing loss has occurred. This is to be performed by an audiologist or a technician under the supervision of an audiologist.
6. **Does the audiometric testing service notify an employee with a problem audiogram, and provide recommendations for further evaluation?**
 - It is good practice for an audiometric testing service to provide any additional information for an audiogram that indicates hearing loss. Qualitative data, such as whether there is noise exposure occurring at home or whether the employee has an ear infection, could be collected by the audiologist or technician.
7. **How does the audiometric testing service provide results to the company? Is there a summary of employee results? Are instances of STS, hearing loss, or other problems detected during the audiometric testing noted or flagged for attention?**
 - The employer is responsible for ensuring that STSs, hearing loss or other problems with the audiometric testing are identified, discussed with affected employees, and that correct action is taken. A summary of results, list of required actions, or categorization of testing results can be very helpful in deciphering and understanding audiometric results, especially for results of large number of individuals.
8. **Are the annual test results being compared to the employee's baseline results? Does the report state that annual test results are compared to employee's baseline results, or include the baseline results in the annual testing report?**
 - Annual testing is required to be compared to the employee's baseline by a qualified audiometric technician or audiologist. The report provided to the employer from the testing service should make it apparent that this has occurred.

Hearing Conservation Related Websites

[Acoustical Society of America \(ASA\)](#)

[American Academy of Audiology \(AAA\)](#)

[AAA Position on Preventing Noise-Induced Occupational Hearing Loss](#)

[American Academy of Otolaryngology - Head & Neck Surgery \(AAO-HNS\)](#)

[American Auditory Society](#)

[American Association of Occupational Health Nurses \(AAOHN\)](#)

[American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine \(ACOEM\)](#)

[ACOEM guidance on occupational noise-induced hearing loss](#)

[The Role of the Professional Supervisor in the Audiometric Testing Component of Hearing Conservation Programs](#)

[American Industrial Hygiene Association \(AIHA\)](#)

[American Board of Industrial Hygiene](#)

[American Society of Safety Engineers \(ASSE\)](#)

[American-Speech-Language-Hearing Association \(ASHA\)](#)

[American Tinnitus Association \(ATA\)](#)

[Audiology Online](#)

[Better Hearing Institute](#)

[Compliance and Safety](#)

[Federal Railroad Administration](#)

[Hearing Education Awareness for Rockers \(HEAR\)](#)

[Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act \(HIPAA\)](#)

[Institute of Noise Control Engineering \(INCE\)](#)

[League for the Hard of Hearing \(LHH\)](#)

[Military Audiology Association \(MAA\)](#)

[Mine Safety and Health Administration \(MSHA\)](#)

[National Hearing Conservation Association \(NHCA\)](#)

[National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health \(NIOSH\)](#)

[National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders \(NIDCD\)](#)

[NIDCD Information Clearing House: Combined Health Information Database](#)

[Noise Pollution Clearinghouse \(NPC\)](#)

[Occupational Safety and Health Administration \(OSHA\)](#)

[Noise and Hearing conservation tips for workers and employers](#)

[OSHA eTool/chapter of OSHA Technical Manual](#)

[OSHA Forms for Recording Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses](#)

[Washington State Dept. of Labor and Industries, Noise Reduction Ideas Data Bank](#)

[Workers' Compensation Board of British Columbia](#)

[Wise Ears](#)

Regulations

United States: Regulations

General Industry

- 29 CFR 1910.95, Hearing Conservation Amendment
Responsible agency: OSHA
http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=standards&p_id=9735

Mining

- 30 CFR Part 62
Responsible agency: MSHA
www.msha.gov/1999noise/noise.htm

Construction

- 29 CFR 1926.101 (hearing protection) and 52 (occupational noise exposure)
Responsible agency: OSHA
http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=STANDARDS&p_id=10664
http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=STANDARDS&p_id=10625

Railroads

- 49 CFR 227 and 229
Responsible agency: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)
www.fra.dot.gov/downloads/counsel/nprm/Occupational_Noise_Rule.pdf

Hearing Loss Recordkeeping

- 29CFR 1904.10
Responsible agency: OSHA
www.osha-slc.gov/recordkeeping/index.html

International Regulations

[Noise Exposure Standards Around the World](#)