

Will my child's hearing loss get worse?

The most common disability associated with congenital CMV infection is hearing loss that is almost always progressive (worsens over time). Therefore, careful follow-up with an audiologist annually is recommended to monitor for changes. Early detection of hearing loss and proper intervention improves a child's ability to keep pace with developmental milestones, especially language development. Children with a significant hearing loss may benefit from hearing aids or other devices (check with an audiologist). Unfortunately, there is no medical treatment available at this time to prevent or lessen the effects of the hearing loss associated with congenital CMV infection. Cochlear implants (a mechanical device surgically inserted into the inner ear to help hearing) are available for some children with deafness due to congenital CMV.