

Ear Infections And Hearing Loss

(NAPSA)—Childhood ear infections can impact hearing and speech development.

When a child has a middle-ear infection, fluid accumulates in the middle ear, which is the space behind the eardrum.



A majority of ear infections occur in children under 3 years of age.

This fluid can remain for several weeks and may cause temporary reduction or loss of hearing, which can have a negative impact on speech and language skills development.

According to a recent study in *The Pediatric Infectious Disease Journal*, nearly one in five children with a cold or other common respiratory virus develop a middle-ear infection during the first week of infection.

A majority of middle-ear infections occur in children under 3 years of age, which is a critical time for language learning and speech development.

The EarCheck® Middle Ear Monitor is an FDA-cleared, home-use device that can help parents quickly and accurately detect the presence of middle-ear fluid, a key sign of ear infection.

EarCheck is available at www.earcheck.com and at participating Walgreens locations.