

Dear Colleagues,

The current issue of the *Journal of Hearing Science* starts with a review paper on newborn hearing screening (NHS) practices in India. NHS is the first step in the process of evaluating a newborn's hearing, and if we didn't have NHS our approach to audiology and otolaryngology would be completely different. For example, the success of cochlear implantation is in good measure due to early detection of hearing loss, which is achieved in many countries by universal NHS programs. Despite the fact that in many countries NHS has been routine for some years, this paper reinforces the importance of sharing experiences. Hopefully, it may encourage other regions to establish similar programs.

This issue of JHS contains other papers that illustrate how vast hearing research has become. We present papers that range from theoretical deliberations on mechanics of the cochlea to studies that relate olfactory and genetic testing to cochlear implantation. One case study covers use of wideband absorbance measurement, a recent emerging technique in audiology. The approach looks very promising, but to gauge its real value we still need more data. One way forward is to test specific cases. As usual the issue concludes with a report from a recent conference.



With kind regards and greetings,

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