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Having an Evoked Potential test (Easy Read)



You are coming to hospital for an evoked potentials test. This looks at how your brain works. This helps the doctors work out how to look after you.



Your brain works using signals. When the brain is made to react to something, the signals change. The evoked potential test records these changes.



First we will clean small areas of your head with a cotton bud. This will not hurt.



Next we will put some silver discs with stickers where we have cleaned on your head. We use sticky paste to hold them in place. This will not hurt.



We will join the stickers to the EP machine with wires. This will not hurt.



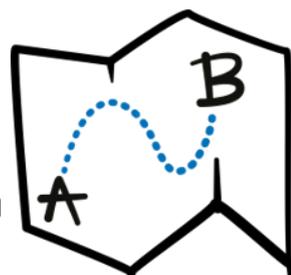
You may have to look at a flashing light. Sometimes, you look at a picture on a television screen.



You need to put on headphones for the next bit. Loud clicks are played through the headphones.



We will put another sticker on your hand. This will make your hand tingle.





When the test is finished, we will take off the stickers and wipe your head again.



If you are not having any other tests, you can go home.



Please ask us if you have any questions.

