

Working Group Audiology & Intellectual Disability

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Members - Update

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Intellectual Disability - Definition

- Intellectual disability (intellectual developmental disorder) is a disorder with onset during the developmental period that includes both intellectual and adaptive functioning deficits in the conceptual, social, and practical domains (DSM-5 ©, 2013)

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WG Work developed:

1. Literature research & Definition of ID
2. Questionnaire gathering information on screening and assessing ear, hearing, vestibular problems in people with ID in EFAS member countries: data presented at the 13th EFAS Congress

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WG Work developed:

3. Guidelines:
 - Frequency of Hearing screening
 - Presented at the 13th EFAS Congress - revised



Hearing Screening
and Surveillance
for Individuals with
Intellectual
Disability

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Next steps

- Publication of Screening frequency and methodology
- Assessment methods guidelines - in process

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