

VER/BAER

Evoked Potential Testing

Evoked potential tests such as VER-Visual Evoked Response or BAER-Brainstem Auditory Evoked Response measure the electrical activity of the brain in response to various types of stimulation. VER utilizes visual stimuli while BEAR uses auditory stimuli.

Why am I having this test? Evoked potential testing is a diagnostic tool used to detect abnormal responses to stimuli that may indicate a medical condition.

What can I expect? Testing is performed by applying small sticky pads/electrodes to your scalp and then tracking and recording the brain wave patterns in response to various stimuli.

Who performs the test? The test will be conducted by a technologist and will be reviewed and interpreted by your neurologist who will go over the results with you at your follow up appointment.

How long will it take? Expect to be in our office for 1 - 1½ hours for check in, testing and check out. The test itself takes approximately 30-45 minutes.

How do I prepare for test? In order for the electrodes to stick properly, PLEASE COME WITH CLEAN, DRY HAIR – no hair products such as hairspray or gel should be used and please remove any braids or artificial hair pieces such as extensions prior to the test. You may eat/drink like normal. You may take medications as prescribed, however if they make you drowsy, please take them after testing is complete. You do not need anyone to accompany or drive you; if you choose to have someone accompany you, they may enter the testing room with your approval, or wait in the waiting area. Please make prior arrangements for childcare as we don't recommend children be in the testing room for their safety as well as yours.

How do I get results? The report will be submitted to your doctor within 3 business days. Your doctor will use this report along with his knowledge of your symptoms and history in order to determine the next step in your care plan.

What does it cost? Insurance coverage of testing varies; it may be covered under your office visit co-pay. Our business office will contact you prior to your appointment to give you a cost estimate so you can be prepared to pay for the testing when you check in for your appointment.

If you have any questions concerning your test, please contact us via the patient portal (a link is available at the top of our webpage) or call us at 817-267-6290.