## Signs to help the Deaf Included in this packet:

## Medical Signs



## People Signs

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Medical Signs (Medicine)
Medicine- Tip of bent middle finger rubs circle on left palm

Sign- Palm-out indexes circle alternately


Hi, Hello, Howdy Good-Bye,


Flat hand, Touch forehead, move forward slightly right


Yes, Yep
Right " S " hand \& head nods (both head \& hand nod)


## No, Nope

First two fingers close onto thumb, \& shake your head

## Schedule

Fingertips of the right palmout " 5 " draws down left palm; then turn palm-in \& draws across palm


## Your Name, My Name



## Address

The upturned thumbs of the " A " hands move in unison up the chest

John Doe Company 123 Any Street


City, State 98766-4321

## Birthday

The right middle finger touches the chin, then moves down to touch the chest


MM/DD/YYYY

## Call, phone



Number (701) 000-0000

## Insurance Card



Cancel


The right index finger makes a cross on the open left palm


## Days of

Monday-Circle " M "


Tuesday- Circle "T"


Wednesday- Circle "W"
Friday- Circle " F "
Sunday- The " 5 " hand, held side by side \& palms out before the body, move straight down

## Month, Day, Year, Time



## Please

Sorry
 chest

## Welcome

Left palm- up "B" curves horizontally toward body



Fine
Thumb of palmleft " 5 " hand on chest


Draw Blood, Take Blood, (Lab)


## Bathroom, Restroom

Bathroom= Shake the " $T$ " hand shape

Restoom= " $R$ " bounce the $R$ twice


Test
Indexes change repeatedly from " 1 " to " $X$ ", moving


## Blood, Bleed

Index at chin drops, changing to palm-in " 5 " on back of right hand, moving downwards with fluttering


## Pharmarcy, Drug Store, RX

Place where you get your medicine filled
(Example- CVS, Walgreen, Bell Drug)


## Wheelchair

Make large forward circles at the


## Medicine

Open 5 hand \& Tip of bent middle


Wrong, Mistake
Palm- in left " $\gamma$ " taps on chins; repeat


Right, Correct Right 1-hand drops on top of left 1-index fingers at slight angles

## What



Note: eyebrows move downward, show quizzical expression on face while signing what?


## Where

Hold up the index finger, like you're indicating "one," then shake it side to side

Note: eyebrows move downward while

showing quizzical expression on face when asking question


Thumb of " L " on chin;
Who wiggle index finger

Ndte: show a quizzical expression on face while sign "who"

## When

Indexes touch, make a circle with left index fingertips; return tip-to-tip


Note: show a quizzical expression on face

## Why

Palm-in fingers of open hand on forehead, move out to palm-in " $Y$


Note: show a quizzical expression on face
How
Knuckles of palm-down bent hands touching roll hands from inward to outward ending palm- up

## How Much

The hands tossed straight up while fingers open to the " 5 " position

## How (\%) you?

Knuckles of palm-down bent hands touching roll hands from inward to outward ending palm- up \& then index finger


The left " S " hand, thumb side up, rests in the open right palm. In the position the left hand is pushed up a short distance by the right hand


Help


## Weak

Fingertips on right palm, bend finger; repeat


## Doctor

Thumb \& finger of "D" tap pulse of left wrist, tap twice


Dizzy
Palm- in left claw hand circles in front of eyes or the side of the head


## Nurse

Fingertips of " $N$ " tap left pulse twice



## Sick, ill

Open 5 hand, bent middle fingers, touch right on the forehead \& the stomach


Hurt, Pain


## Rest, Relax

(The folded arms: a position of rest.) With palms facing the body, the arms are folded across the chest



## Stethescope


(Miming) the earpieces are placed in the ears, \& then the other end of the
instrument touches different spots on the chest



## Infection



Palm- out "I" shakes

Breathe
Flat hands move together from \& to chest (breathing mgtion)


## Weight

The fingers of the right " H " hand are centered on the left index finger or " H " hand \& rocked back \& forth


## Pulse



Fingers grasp palm- up left wrist, thumb on bottom

## Cold, Shivering, Chilled

Make fists with both hands \& hold them at shoulder level, then shake your fists \& arms as if you're shivering in the cold


## Allergies

Touch nose \& then put point indexes at each other: hands pull apart


## Hot

" $C$ ' hand shape with either hand. While holding the "C" position, place your fingertips just under your nose \& your thumb tip just under your bottom lip. Quickly move your hand away from your mouth \& twist your wrist so that your fingertips are facing away
 from your body

## Temperature, Temp



## Feel, Feeling

The middle finger, touching the heart moves upward.(Feelings- move twice)


Cough


## Tired, Exhausted

Flat " $B$ " hand touch near chest arc downward, move body downward like you're tired



## MRI



## Stitches

Right " 9 - hand" sews left thumb \& fingertips of "9-hand"


Staples


Bent "V" arcs to hit neck with fingertips


Break, Broke, Broken, Fracture


The hands grasp an imaginary object \& break it in two

CaSt The knuckles of the right "A" hand tap the back of the left hand a few times. The right " C " hand faces down \& moves down the left arm as if imitating a


Oxygen

(The oxygen mask) the cupped right hand is placed over the mouth \& face Or the signer fingerspells " $\mathrm{O}-2$ " dropping the hand a bit for the " 2 "


R|a (Pulling up the covers) The downturned hands grasp an imaginary blanket edge \& pull it up over the chest


Surgery
The thumb of the right " $A$ " hand is drawn stright down across the upright left palm



## Throw- up, Puke, Vomit

" 5 " hand(s) one behind the other, arc out from the mouth


## Accident

Palm-in horizontal " S " at sides, hit knuckles together once


## Emergency

Shake "E" hand shape


## Heart Attack

Heart- Middle finger taps over heart Attack- Back of right " $S$ " hits left index
finger


## Helicopter

Palm of claw hand on tip of vertical left index fingertip; right hand finger wiggle


Headache


The index fingers, pointing to each other, move back \& forth on the forehead

## Ambulance, Medic, Paramedic

The right hand, fingers extended, is positioned above the head. It rotates in imitation of flashing emergency light


## Bed



## Sleep



Sleepy, Sleeping- repeat twice

## Discharge, Excuse

Left fingertips brush off right fingertips several times


## Wake-up

Both hands are closed, with thumb \& index finger of each hand held together, extended \& placed at the corners of the closed eyes. Slowly, they separate, \& the eyes open


## Drink

(The natural sign) An imaginary glass is


## Thirsty

The index finger moves down the throat a short distance


## Water

Index finger of palm left "W" taps chin


## Hungry

"C" hand move down the chest


## Wait

With both hands, make the open" 5 " hand, palms facing up \& fingertips curled, \& wiggle


Eat, Food
The closed right hand goes through the natural motion of placing food in the mouth, twice


## Problem

The knuckles of the curved index \& middle fingers of both hands are rubbed up \& down against each other, Instead of the an alternate clockwise/counterclockwise manner


More


Flat "O" bounce tips together twice

## Wash Hands



Both hands into a fist, holding the two fists together, \& twisting the two fists back \& forth.
 left palm-up turn hand over to the right


Complete, All Done


## Color Sign

Color- Finger wiggle in front of chin
Sign- Palm- out indexes circle alternaetly


Black


Use pointer finger
Slide the pointer finger across your forhead

Grey, Gray


Use "G"
across your forehead

## Brown

Use "B" - Brown Slide "B" down your cheek

brown

## Tan

Use "T" - Tan
down your cheek


Green


Blue -Shake the "B" hand

## Purple

Purple - Shake the " $P$ " hand


## Yellow

Yellow- Shake the " $Y$ " hand


## Red

Use " $R$ " or pointer finger Slide the "R" or pointer finger off your lips


Pink
Use " P "- Slide the " P "



## Gold

Use "Y" or"G" Gold
Point to your ear \& Shake the "Y" or "G" from your ear


## Orange

Use "O" - Orange Squeeze the "O" on the chin


## White



White
Have open hand in front of your chest, then pull outwards to a close " 0 " hand

## Color Book

Color- Finger wiggle in front of chin


## Book- Palm-to

 palm hands open to palm-


Crayon, Marker

Fingertips of index circles on left palm


## Paint, Painting

Color- Finger wiggle in front of chin


Pencil-


Thumb \& index finger at mouth, then write on left palm


Right flat hand fingertips brush up \& down vertical left palm



## People Signs

People- Palm-out "P" circle alternately forward up \& down

Sign- Palm- out indexes circle alternately


## Mom, Mommy, Mother

Mom/Mommy/Mother- Touch your chin with your thumb \& your hand open ( 5 hand,

## Dad, Daddy, Father

Dad/Daddy/Father- Touch your forehead with your thumb \& your hand open (5 hand shape)


## Grandma, Nana, Grandmother

Grandma/Grandmother/Nana- Touch your chin with your thumb \& have your hands open (5 hand shape) \& then move out
two times


## Grandpa, Papa, Grandfather

Grandpa/Grandfather/Papa- Touch your forehead \& have your hand open ( 5 hand shape) \& then move out two times



Team- Use "T" \& go around in a circle Class- Use " C " \& go around in a circle Group- Use " $G$ " \& go around in a circle Agency- Use " $A$ " \& go around in a circle Workshop- Use "W" \& go around to " S "

Hook your pointer fingers
together one way, and


## Sister

Sister- Touch your chin with an "L" hand shape \& then tap your hand on top of the other " L " hand shape


## Girl, Gal, Female

Girl/Gal/Female- As in the picture, the girls wore bonnets. Use " $A$ " hand-shape \&


## Brothers

Brother- Touch your forehead with an "L" hand shape \& then tap your hand on top of the other "L" hand shape


## Boy, Male

Boy/Male-Take hold of the brim of the cap (baseball cap). Use the sign for "No" but all finger touch your


## Aunt, Auntie



Aunt, AuntieUse an " $A$ " shake on the side of your cheek

## Uncle



## Uncle-

 Use an"U" shake on the side of your headWife-
Use "A" hand shape
(Do like girl/female)
\& slide your "A"
hand shape along
your cheek \& then
put your hands
together (like you're
holding hands)

## Man/Men/Gentleman- Touch your

forehead (For Dad) \& then touch your chest



## Cousin

Cousin- Use a "C" \& shake in the middle of your face

Index finger \& pinkie finger of the right hand, held palm down, are pointing to the left. The index finger is placed under the nose \& the hand trembles somewhat


Baby- Like you holding a baby \& rocking back \& forth


## Daughter



## Daughter- Girl + Baby



## Interpreter

" 9 " thumb-on-thumb, one palm-up \& palm-down, reverse: repeat


Person ending" 5 " hand shape


Guardian
Make two "K" hands \& turning your hands sideways (pinkie-sides down), place one " $K$ " hand on top of the other, \& tap a few times, then the person ending- " 5 " hand shape closed, then move downward

Foster
False


Move your "Index finger" past your nose. Your index finger doesn't touch the nose, it just comes close. The movement can be in the wrist. The movement is NOT in the knuckle.


