



ALL Safety concerns; use crisis resources & consult with TiPS

The family has behavioral concerns about the child AND child reports auditory or visual hallucinations ("see or hear things that are not there")?

YES

NO

Refer to neurology and/or genetics for further workup including brain MRI and EEG.

Is the child distressed due to the hallucinations OR are there changes in speech or behaviors or baseline functioning?

YES

NO

Are there concerns for developmental delays or autism spectrum disorder? **

- speech delay
- social problems
- repetitive behaviors
- restricted interests
- poor eye contact

Are there mood changes AND/OR anxiety symptoms??**

- irritability
- tearfulness
- fear of being away from parents
- fear of new situations
- GI symptoms
- aches and pains

NO

YES

NO

Are the child's perceptual experiences associated with any of the following?

- Religious, cultural, or spiritual factors
- An imaginary friend
- Only when falling asleep or waking up

YES

NO

YES

Consult with TiPS* and/or Refer to Child Psychiatry**

Reassure the family as these are likely normal developmental phenomena. Reassess regularly.



*Telephonic Psychiatric Consultation Service Program (TiPS) website: www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Providers/Pages/TiPS.aspx

**Psychotic disorders, like schizophrenia, are very rare in children under 10. The path to diagnosing can be long and challenging, in part because other conditions, such as autism, mood disorders, trauma or anxiety, can have similar symptoms.