

PHYSICIAN'S GUIDE TO AUDIOLOGY SERVICES

| SYMPTOM AND COMPLAINTS | POSSIBLE ETIOLOGIES (NOT AN EXHAUSTIVE LIST) | POSSIBLE EVALUATION AND TREATMENT OPTIONS |
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| "I hear but can't Understand." | Presbycusis; Sensorineural Hearing loss Secondary to noise exposure Or Ototoxic drug reaction; Genetic predisposition to Hearing loss; cochlear Otosclerosis | Audiologic Evaluation; hearing aid services |
| Sudden Hearing Loss | Impacted Cerumen or Foreign body in the ear Canal; otitis media; otitis Externa; Cochlear Hydrops; Viral infection or Vascular Deficiency in cochlear; Acoustic Neuroma | Audiological Evaluation including Vestibular testing and ABR; Hearing Aid Services |
| Sensation of 'Fullness' Of Pressure in the Ears. | Otitis media; intermittent or chronic negative middle ear Pressure; Eustachian Tube Dysfunction; Meniere's Disease Low Frequency Hearing Loss; Otosclerosis | Audiological Evaluation; Tympanometry |
| Difficulty understanding In noise or on the Telephone; Academic Problems, poor reading Skills; short attention span; Speech/Language Delay | Peripheral Hearing loss; Central Auditory Processing Disorders (CAPD) | Audiological Evaluation; Central Auditory Processing Evaluation; Hearing aid services; assistive listening devices |
| Tinnitus, head noises, 'music', roaring, hissing, Whistling, clinging, etc | Impacted Cerumen or Foreign body in ear canal; Noise Exposure; Meniere's Disease; Acoustic Neuroma; Progressive Hearing loss; Ototoxic reaction To drugs | Audiological Evaluation; OAE, ABR, Tinnitus evaluation and treatment, such as tinnitus maskers or TRT (tinnitus Retraining therapy |
| Dizziness, Unsteadiness, Vertigo | Benign Paroxysmal Positional Vertigo (BPPV); Meniere's Disease; Labrynthitis; Acoustic Neuroma; Oval/Round Window Fistula | Audiological testing including vestibular and ABR; Canolith repositioning procedure (CRP); fistula tests |
| Facial Numbness; Asymmetry of facial Muscles | Bells' Palsy; Facial Nerve Compression; Acoustic Neuroma | Audiological Evaluation including tympanometry and acoustic reflexes; ABR |