

HEARING SOLUTIONS SIG

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“Healthy Hearing and Healthy Brains”

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Your hearing is a system

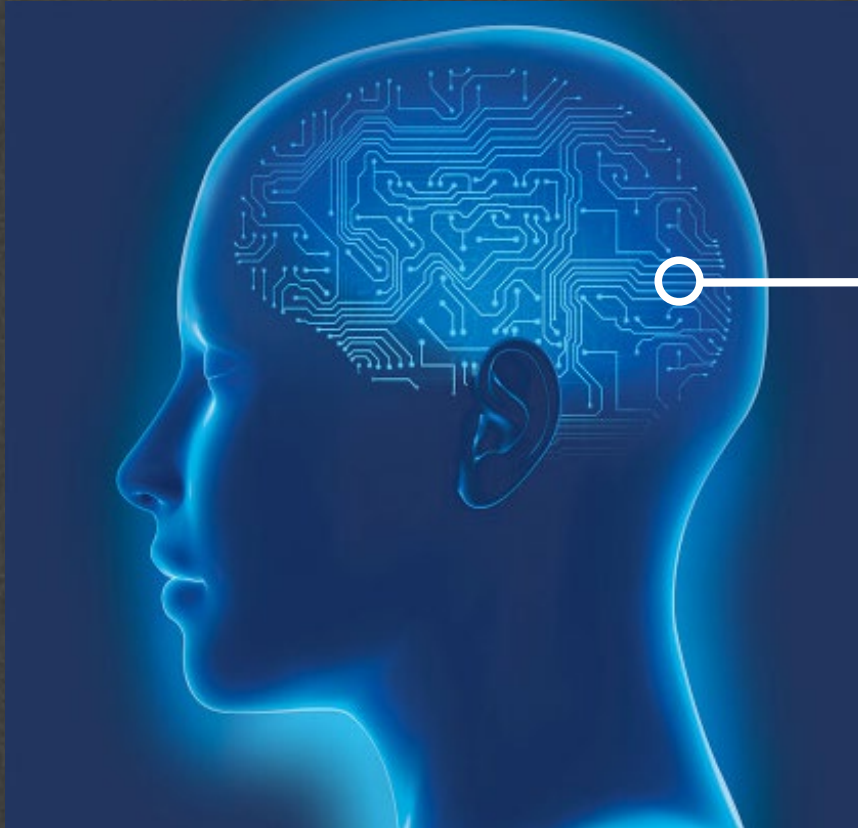
A group of people are dining in a restaurant. A waiter in a white shirt and brown apron is leaning over a table, talking to a man in a blue sweater. The man is looking at the waiter. A woman in a black top is also looking at the waiter. In the background, other people are seated at tables, and a large potted plant is visible. The scene is lit with warm, ambient light.

Your two ears and brain
work together to keep you
safe, locate where sound is
coming from and help you
follow conversations.

How we hear



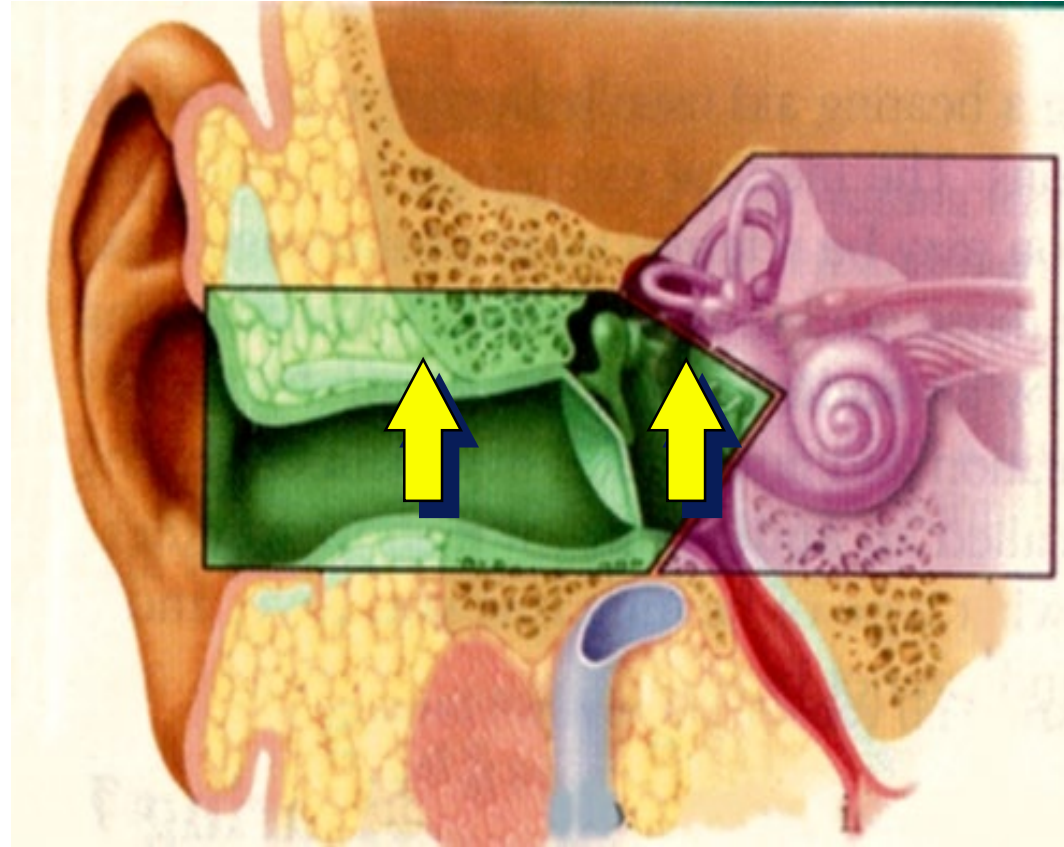
How your brain makes sense of sound that it gets from your ears:



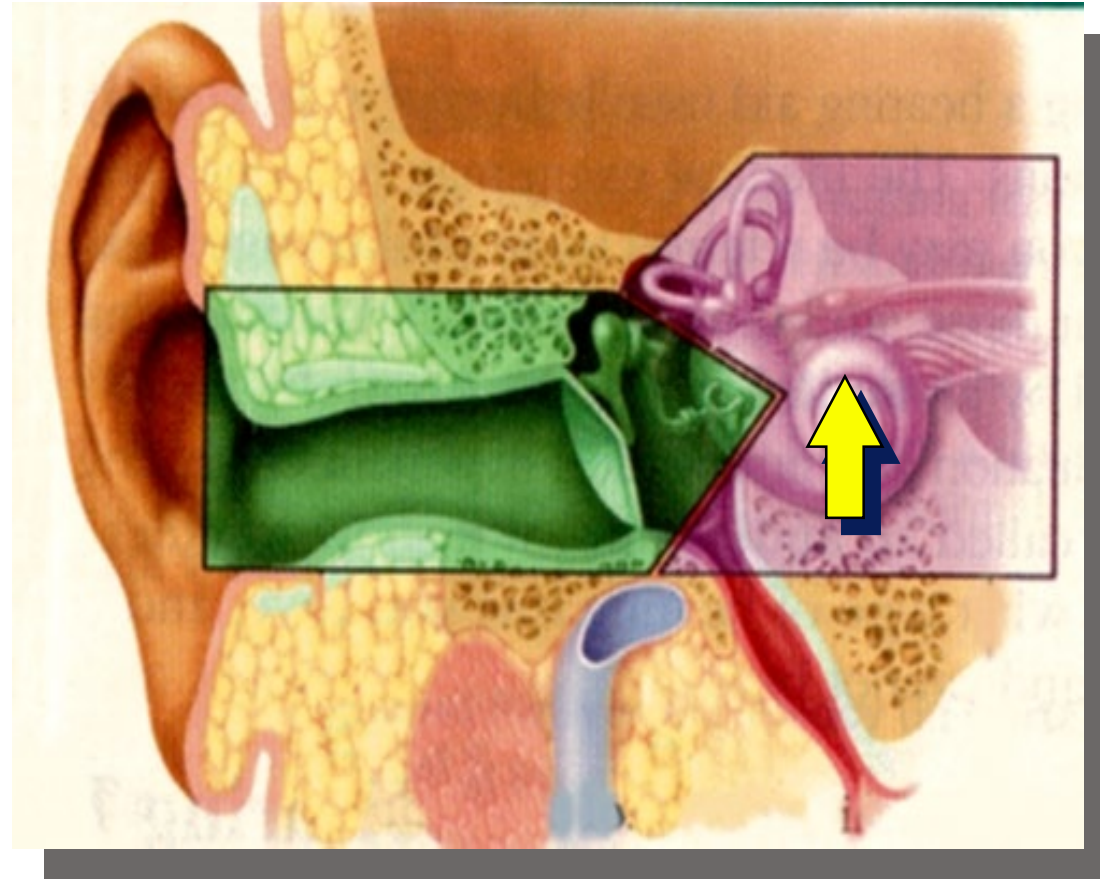
Organize

The brain departs to
allow us to organize the
information it receives
and keep it in a way that
is useful to us in our
environment.

Conductive Hearing Loss



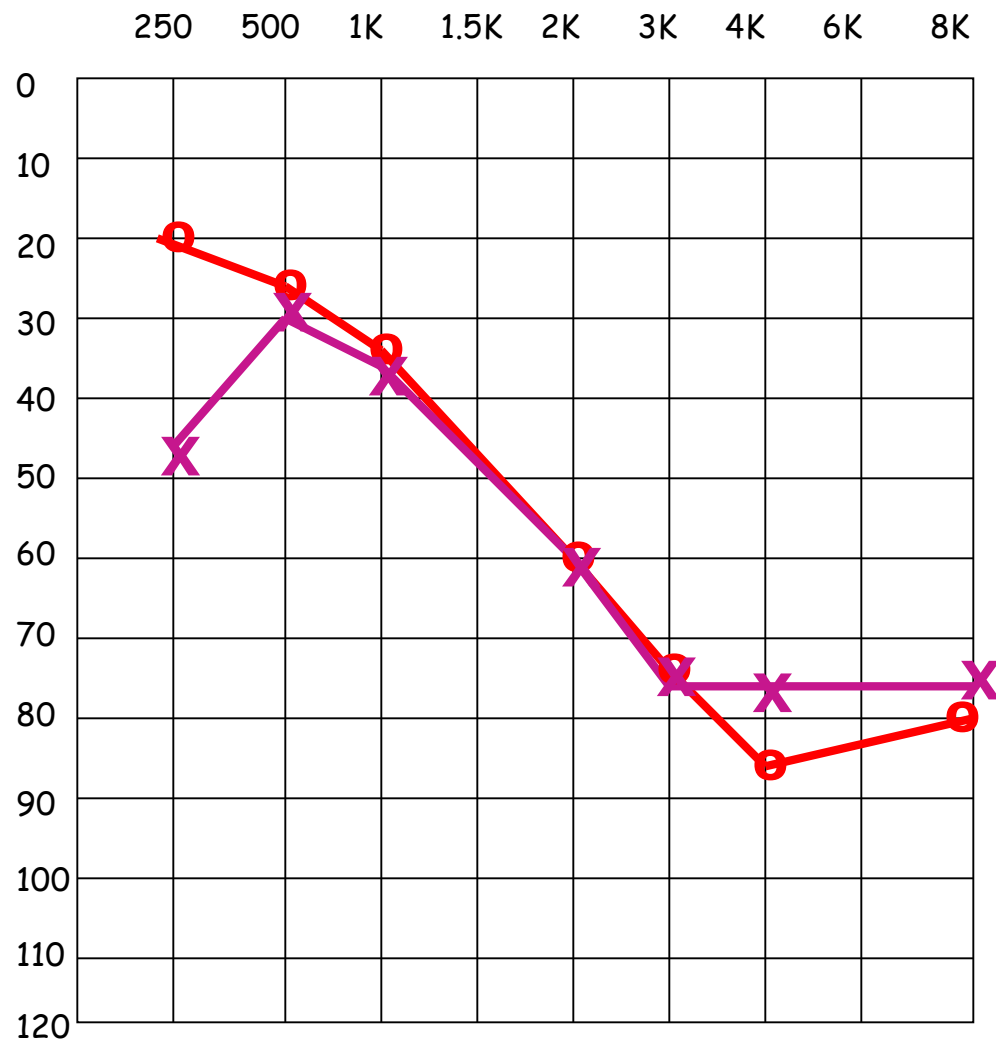
Sensorineural Hearing Loss



Causes of Sensorineural Hearing Loss

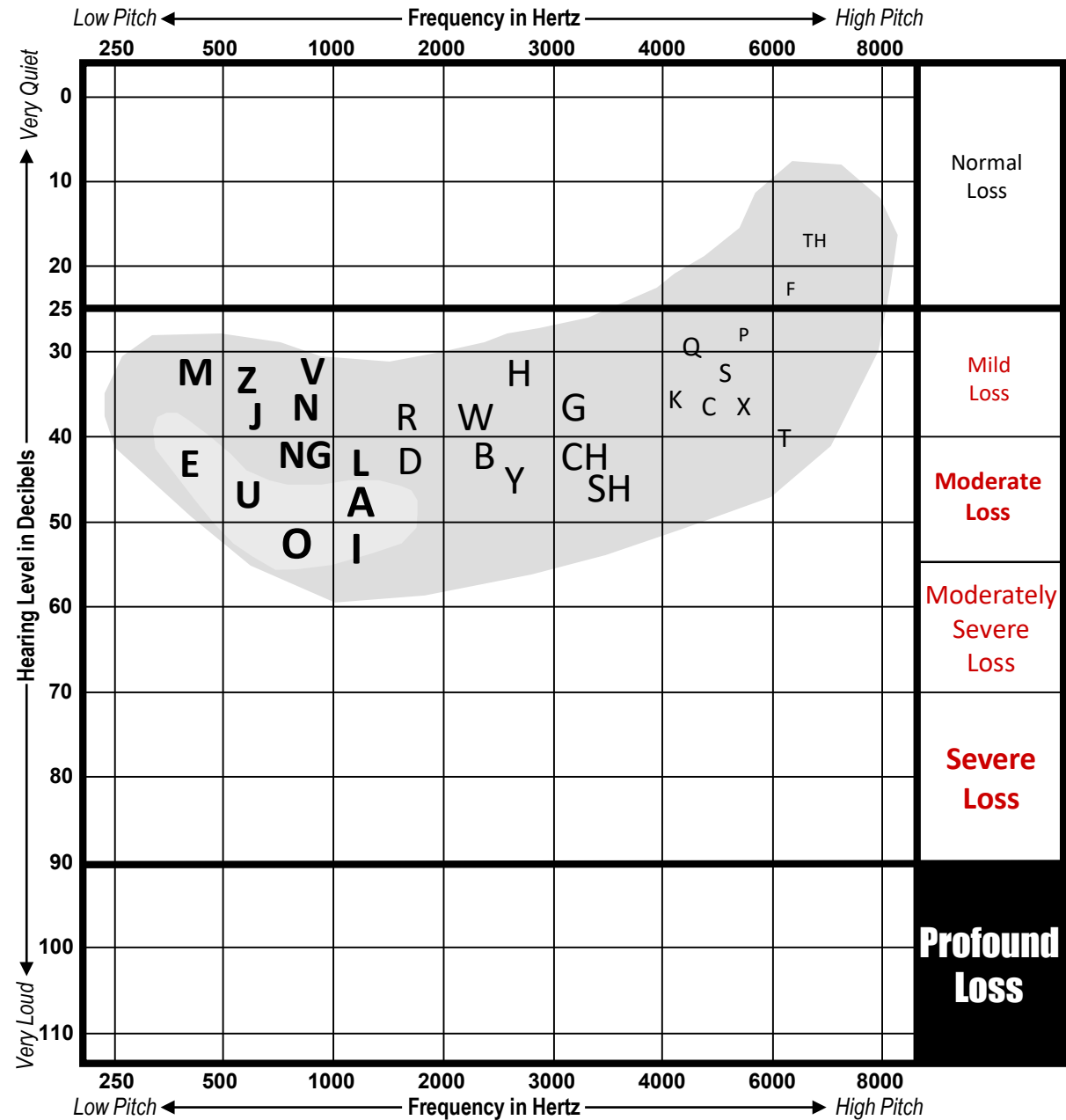
- Typical age-related changes
- Hereditary effects
- Exposure to noise—at work, at home, entertainment or recreation
- Oto-toxic medicines
- Some medical disorders – diabetes, heart disease





**What does
your
Audiogram
tell us?**

Audiogram



Your Hearing

The Audiogram

+ Envirogram™

Hearing and understanding

Clarity simulator

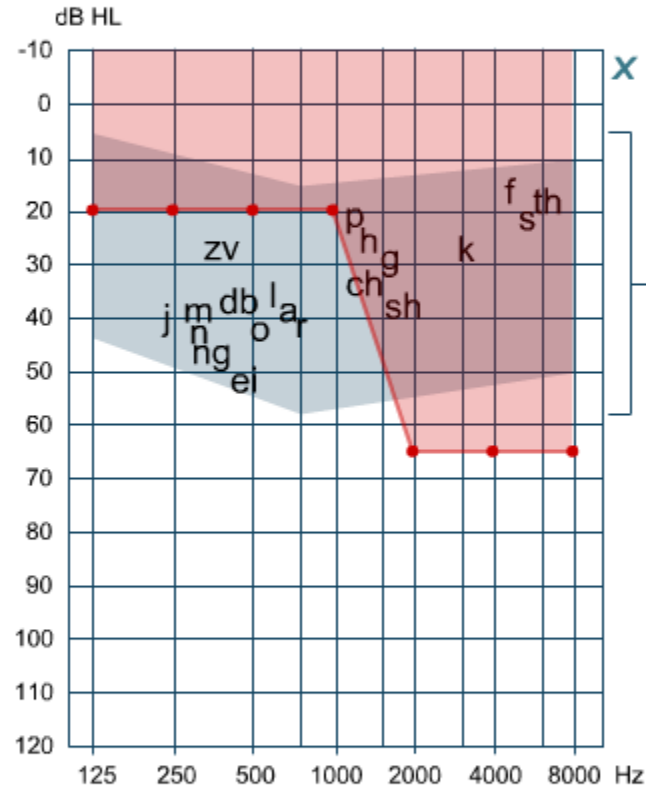
Speech in Noise

NCOA Study

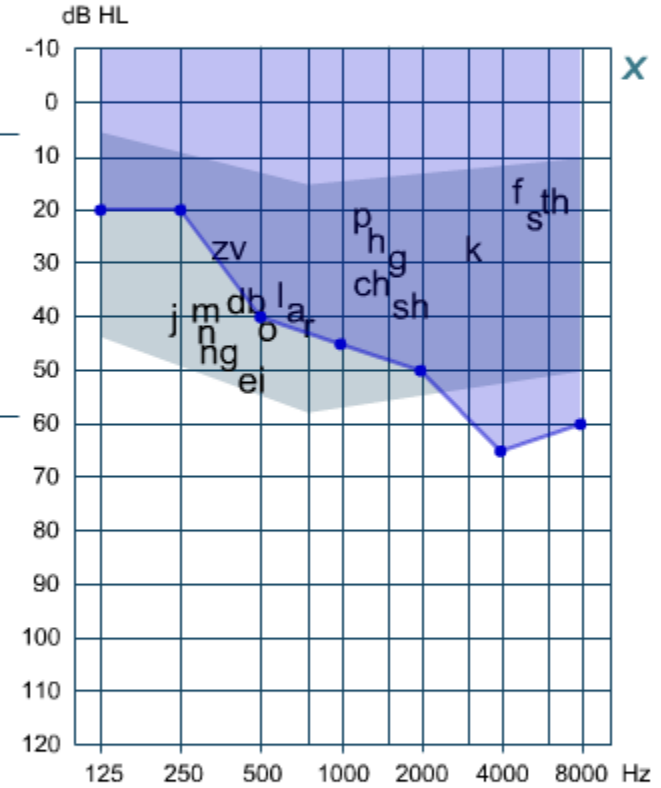
Info

Help

☐ Show sound examples

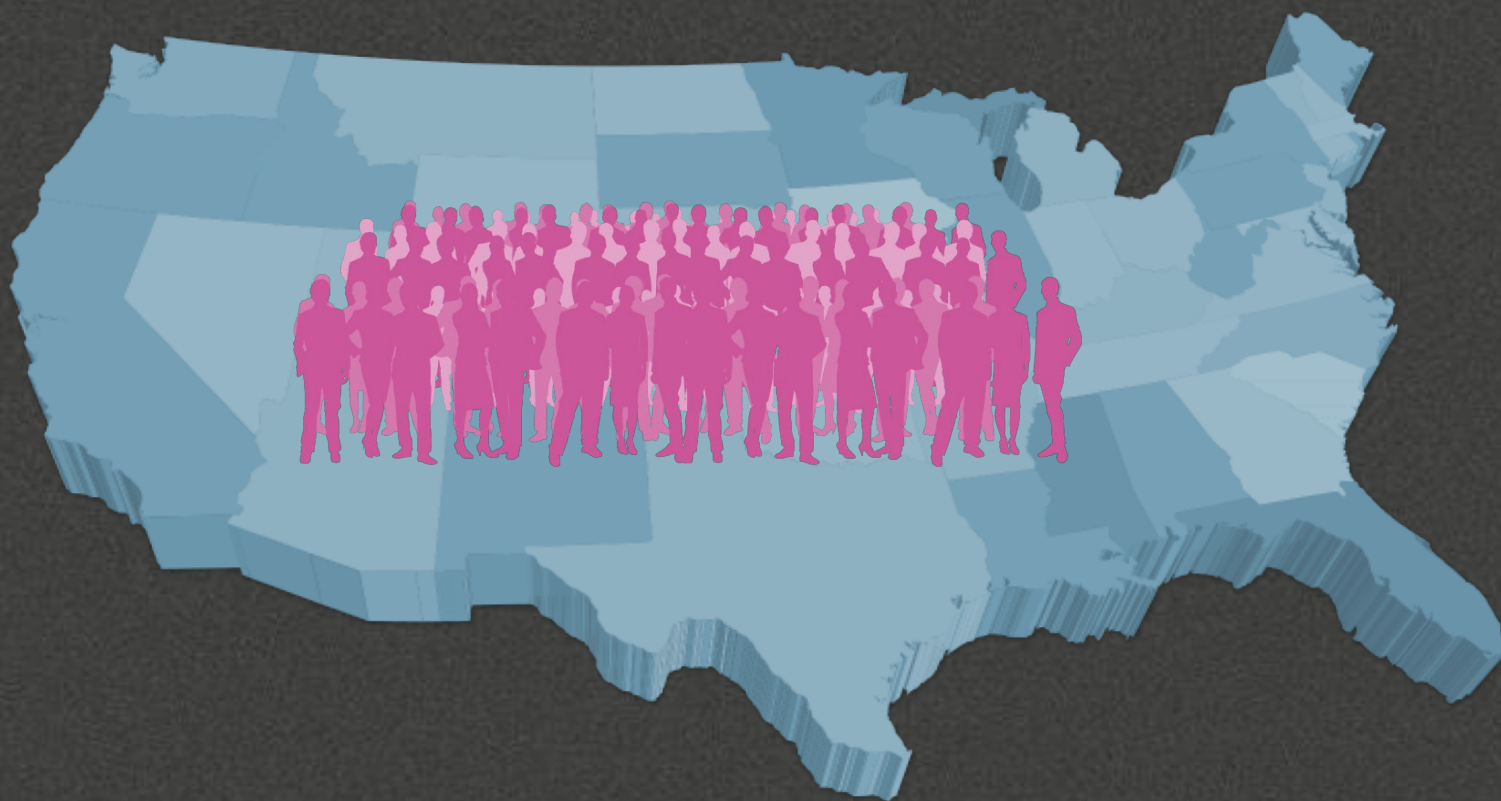


Speech Spectrum





Hearing loss is the third largest public health issue in America



40 million Americans
are affected

Lifestyle and certain
conditions can affect
your hearing too

Learn How Hearing Loss Influences Your Overall Health



AGING Age-related hearing loss is permanent but treatable with hearing devices.



DEMENTIA Research indicates the severity of hearing loss is closely related to the risk of dementia.



DEPRESSION Untreated hearing loss may lead to social isolation and sensory overload.



VISION LOSS Untreated vision and hearing loss can increase the risk of falls and difficulty in performing activities of daily living.



HEART DISEASE Studies suggest a connection between low-frequency hearing loss and heart disease.



DIABETES Hearing loss occurs almost twice as often in adults who have diabetes than in those who don't.



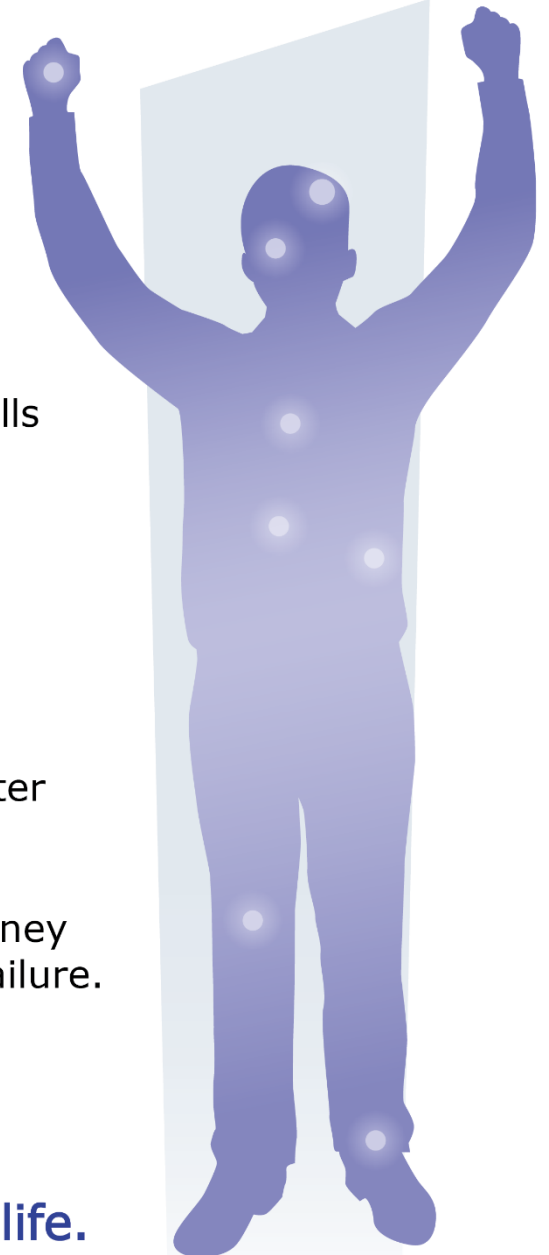
OTOTOXICITY More than 100 classes of commonly used over-the-counter and prescription drugs can cause damage to the inner ear.



KIDNEY DISEASE An estimated 54% of American adults with chronic kidney disease have hearing loss, possibly caused by toxins related to kidney failure.



RISK OF FALLS Those with hearing loss often have diminished spatial orientation awareness, impaired brain pathways or reduced attention capacity – which can increase the risk of falls.



Professional treatment of hearing loss can improve your quality of life.

Living with hearing loss can be a challenge

Dementia prevention, intervention, and care

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Executive summary

Acting now on dementia prevention, intervention, and care will vastly improve living and dying for individuals with dementia and their families, and in doing so, will transform the future for society.

Dementia is the greatest global challenge for health and social care in the 21st century. It occurs mainly in people older than 65 years, so increases in numbers and costs are driven, worldwide, by increased longevity resulting from the welcome reduction in people dying prematurely. The *Lancet* Commission on Dementia Prevention, Intervention, and Care met to consolidate the huge strides that have been made and the emerging knowledge as to what we should do to prevent and manage dementia.

Globally, about 47 million people were living with dementia in 2015, and this number is projected to triple

by 2050. Dementia affects the individuals with the condition, who gradually lose their abilities, as well as their relatives and other supporters, who have to cope with seeing a family member or friend become ill and decline, while responding to their needs, such as increasing dependency and changes in behaviour. Additionally, it affects the wider society because people with dementia also require health and social care. The 2015 global cost of dementia was estimated to be US\$818 billion, and this figure will continue to increase as the number of people with dementia rises. Nearly 85% of costs are related to family and social, rather than medical, care. It might be that new medical care in the future, including public health measures, could replace and possibly reduce some of this cost.

Dementia is by no means an inevitable consequence of reaching retirement age, or even of entering the ninth



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Key messages

1 The number of people with dementia is increasing globally
Although incidence in some countries has decreased.

2 Be ambitious about prevention
We recommend active treatment of hypertension in middle aged (45–65 years) and older people (aged older than 65 years) without dementia to reduce dementia incidence. Interventions for other risk factors including more childhood education, exercise, maintaining social engagement, reducing smoking, and management of hearing loss, depression, diabetes, and obesity might have the potential to delay or prevent a third of dementia cases.

3 Treat cognitive symptoms
To maximise cognition, people with Alzheimer's disease or dementia with Lewy bodies should be offered cholinesterase inhibitors at all stages, or memantine for severe dementia. Cholinesterase inhibitors are not effective in mild cognitive impairment.

4 Individualise dementia care
Good dementia care spans medical, social, and supportive care; it should be tailored to unique individual and cultural needs, preferences, and priorities and should incorporate support for family carers.

5 Care for family carers
Family carers are at high risk of depression. Effective interventions, including STRategies for Relatives (START) or Resources for Enhancing Alzheimer's Caregiver Health intervention (REACH), reduce the risk of depression, treat the symptoms, and should be made available.

6 Plan for the future

People with dementia and their families value discussions about the future and decisions about possible attorneys to make decisions. Clinicians should consider capacity to make different types of decisions at diagnosis.

7 Protect people with dementia

People with dementia and society require protection from possible risks of the condition, including self-neglect, vulnerability (including to exploitation), managing money, driving, or using weapons. Risk assessment and management at all stages of the disease is essential, but it should be balanced against the person's right to autonomy.

8 Manage neuropsychiatric symptoms

Management of the neuropsychiatric symptoms of dementia including agitation, low mood, or psychosis is usually psychological, social, and environmental, with pharmacological management reserved for individuals with more severe symptoms.

9 Consider end of life

A third of older people die with dementia, so it is essential that professionals working in end-of-life care consider whether a patient has dementia, because they might be unable to make decisions about their care and treatment or express their needs and wishes.

10 Technology

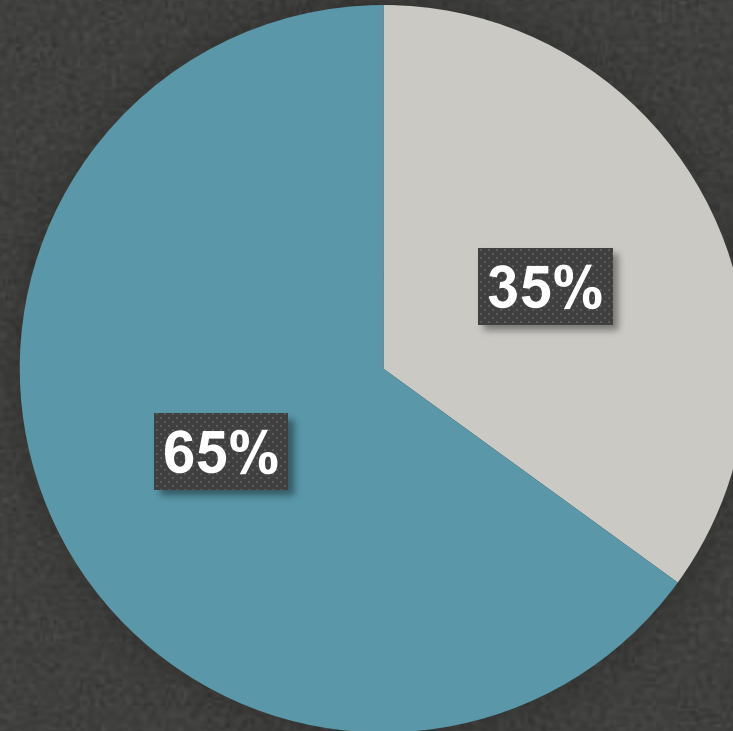
Technological interventions have the potential to improve care delivery but should not replace social contact.

Hearing and health issues

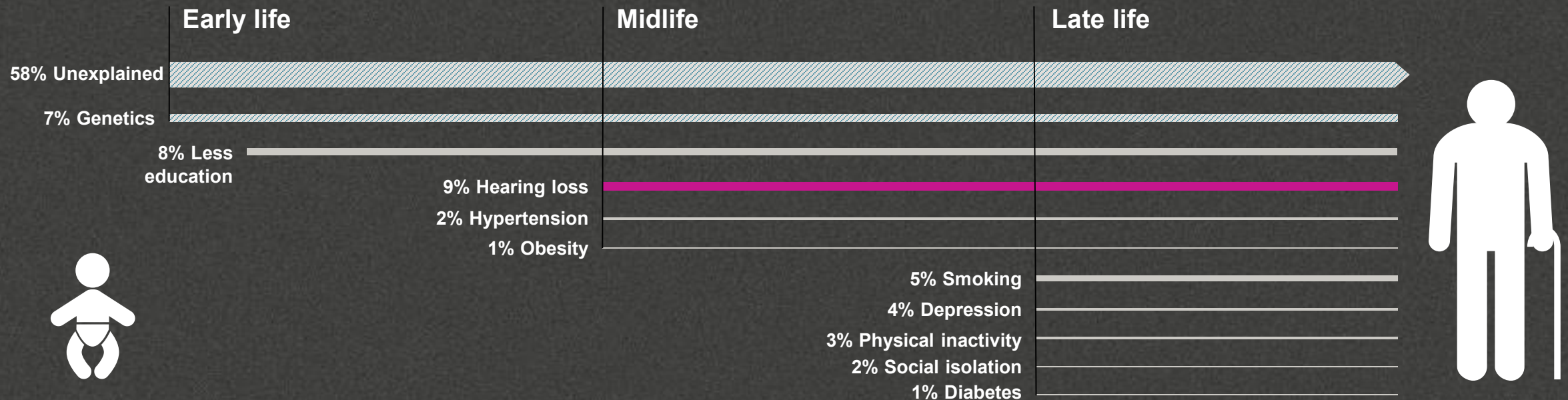
The latest review on Dementia and Causes

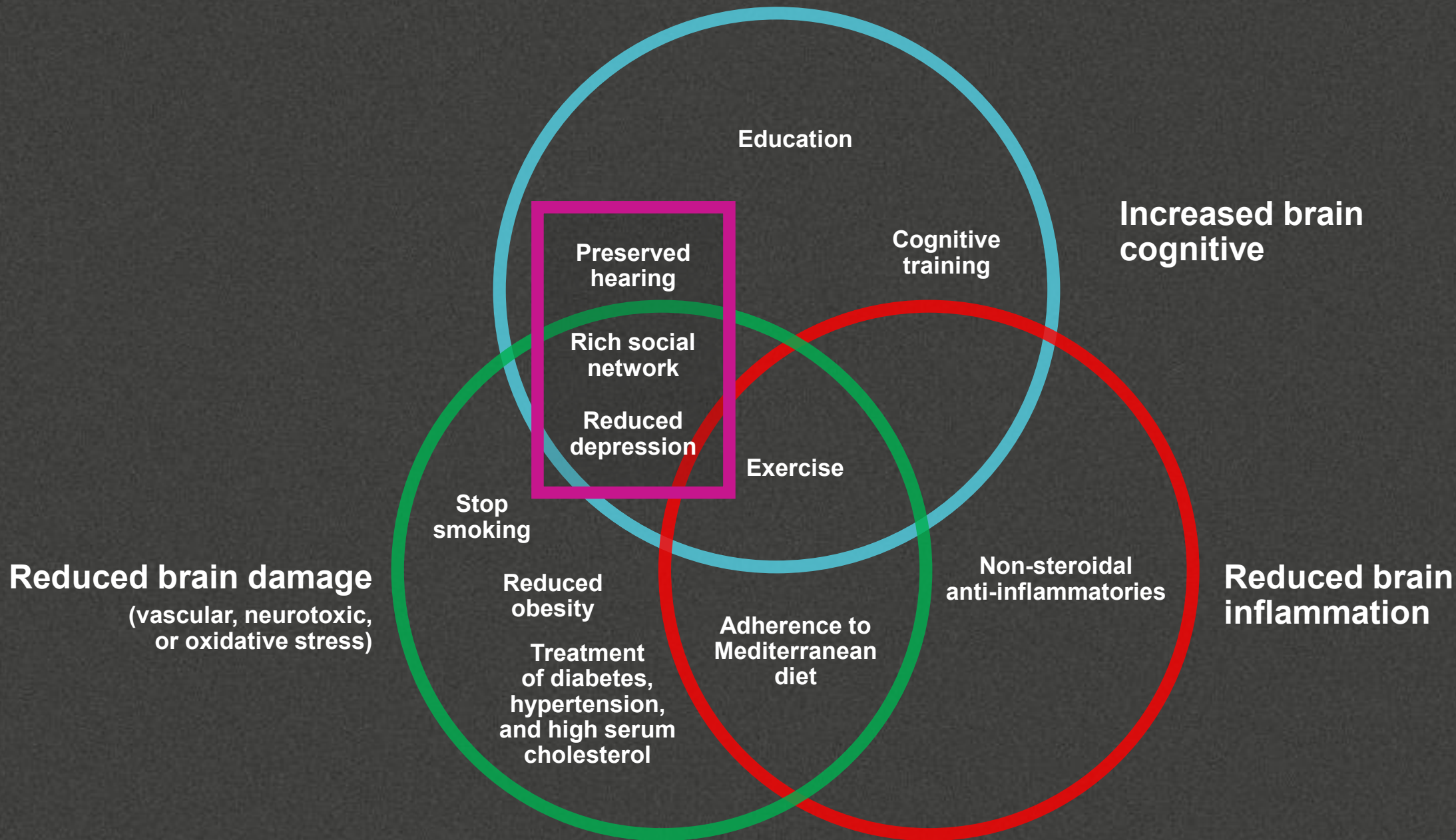
Risk factors


- potentially modifiable
- potentially non-modifiable



Life-course model of contribution of modifiable risk factors to dementia







**Preserved
hearing**

**Rich social
network**

**Reduced
depression**





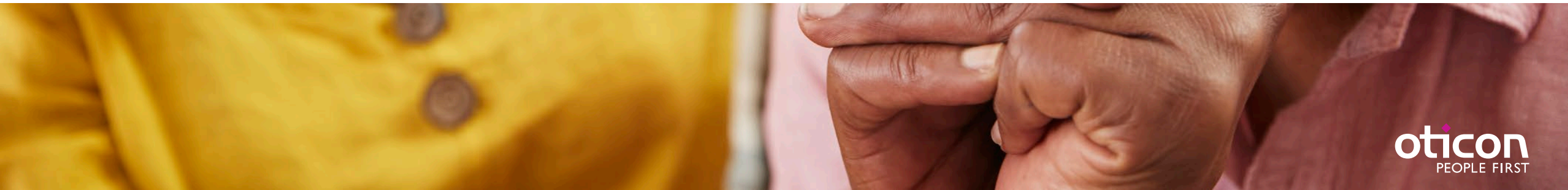
Spoken Language Understanding should be automatic and effortless



Loss of the ability to *organize* sound



Effect of Hearing Loss: Listening Takes Effort





**Listening
Effort**



**Focused
Attention**



Concentration



All are active processes and under control of the listener

How **hearing loss** affects the hearing process



If you have hearing loss, it disrupts the normal relationship between your ears and your brain.

Your brain
receives
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Having to
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The extra effort
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for remembering
conversations



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conversations



You're more
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social interaction

Hearing Loss and Cognitive Decline in Older Adults

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October, 2015 Journal of American Geriatric Society:

- ▶ Hearing Loss, Hearing Aid Use and Cognitive Decline
- ▶ 25 year follow up study on over 3000 participants
- ▶ Hearing loss is associated with accelerated cognitive decline in older adults.
- ▶ Hearing aid use attenuates such decline...
- ▶ Accelerated cognitive decline reported between normal hearing and hearing loss subjects (2x for mild, 3x for moderate, 5x for severe hearing loss)
- ▶ No difference in decline betw normal hearing and those using hearing aids.

**What do you find is the most difficult situation
when you have a hearing loss?**





How **hearing loss** affects the hearing process



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How can technology
**help your brain to
hear more naturally?**

Preserves the
important details
in speech



Reduces the
effort involved
in listening



Improves your
recall of
conversation



Helps your ears work
together to identify
where sound is
coming from



Takes your personal
listening preferences
into account

OpenSound Navigator™



Imagine a soundscape like this where you can talk to your guests



BrainHearing™ benefits

Oticon Opn S™ helps people hear better with less cognitive load

▶ **20%**

less listening effort*

▶ **20%**

better recall of conversations*

▶ **30%**

better speech understanding*

*Le Goff et al. 2016.



Our goal is to
preserve good
cognitive function
as long as we
possibly can.

Open up to a connected world

Extensive
range



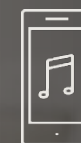
TV



Oticon ON App



ConnectClip



Music



Computer



Landline phone

IFTTT

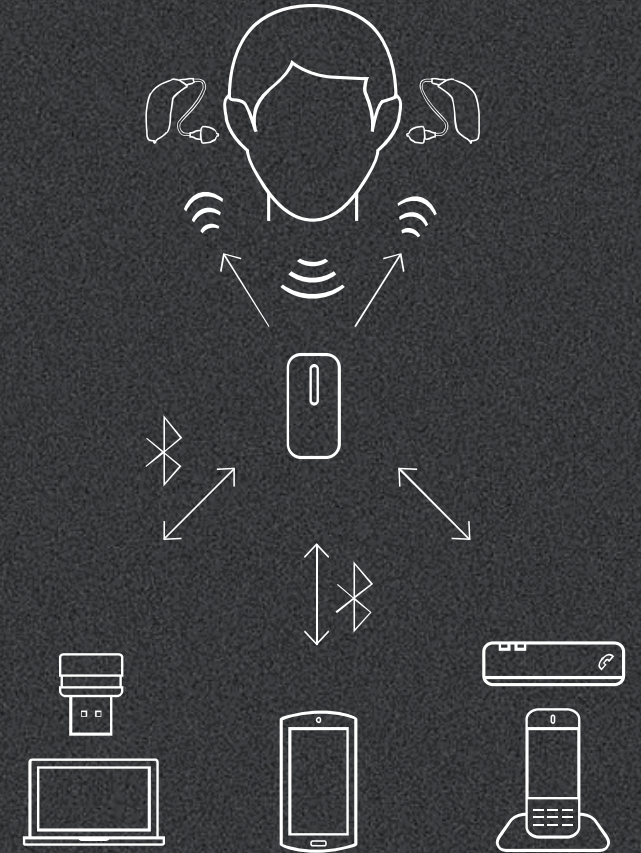
Internet
connectivity



Remote Control

ConnectClip

- ▶ Connect to devices which do not support direct wireless streaming. I.e. Android phones
- ▶ Direct Audio to hearing aids using ConnectClip – allowing improved Signal to Noise



Conclusions

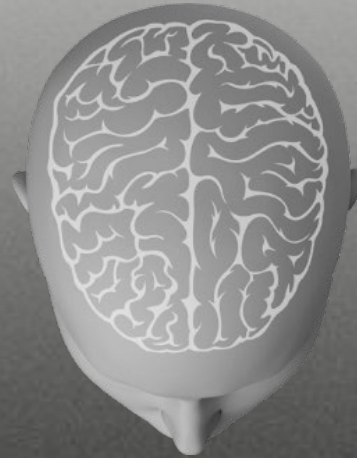
Improved speech understanding*

even in the noisiest environments



Reduced listening effort*

over a broad range of environments



Motivation and empowerment

to participate and engage



Hearing Care is Health Care™



Hearing Loss is important to deal with sooner than later

Enjoy your friends and neighbors more with better hearing

Preserve good cognitive function as long as possible

See your Audiologist annually for a hearing evaluation

Stay active and engaged with others

Hearing is Healthcare

Open up to YOUR world

