

Hearing Loss

FACTS



DID YOU KNOW?



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As of 2019, roughly 466 million people worldwide have disabling hearing loss, and 34 million of these are children.

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It is estimated that by 2050 over 900 million people will have disabling hearing loss.

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Worldwide costs for unaddressed hearing loss amount to \$750 billion dollars annually.

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Disabling hearing loss refers to hearing loss of over 40 decibels in adults and 30 decibels in children.

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Approximately 1/3 of people over age 65 suffer from disabling hearing loss.

CAUSES



Heredity



Infectious Diseases

- meningitis
- cytomegalovirus
- rubella
- mumps
- measles



Complications at Birth

- birth asphyxia
- low birth weight
- prematurity
- jaundice



Ototoxic Medicines

- aminoglycosides
- cytotoxic drugs
- diuretics
- antimalarial drugs



Excessive Noise



Chronic Ear Infections

PREVENTION



IMMUNIZE

children against harmful diseases



PRACTICE

consistent healthy ear care



TEST

children early for hearing loss



EDUCATE

young people on hearing loss & its causes

RESOURCES



Assistive Devices

such as hearing aids & cochlear implants



Support Systems

at school, at home & in the community



Accessible Communication

via captioning & sign language

