

Frequently Asked Questions

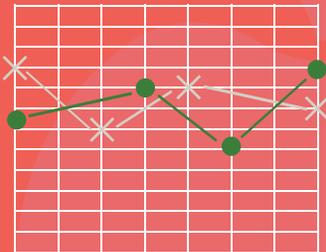
What are the criteria for getting a hearing test?

Diagnostic hearing tests are recommended for patients meeting one of the criteria below or experiencing one of the following symptoms:

- Concerns about hearing loss
- Concerns about age-related hearing issues
- Lifelong ear problems (i.e. recurrent ear infections)
- Experiencing a hearing difficulty
- Experiencing a “ringing in their ear”
- After an ear flushing procedure
- Occupational hazard patients
- Experiencing vertigo

How does an audiogram work?

The audiogram is a chart that represents different volumes and pitches of sounds. When testing someone’s hearing, we determine the quietest sounds they can hear. The results are marked on the chart, using a O for the right ear and an X for the left, and joined by a line. This creates the individual’s audiogram.



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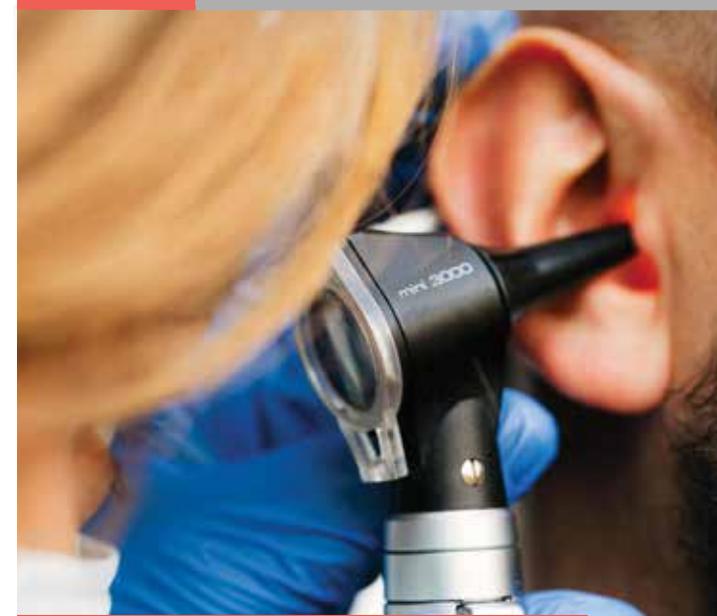
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What Is a Hearing Test?

Hearing loss consultations and evaluations help determine whether you are experiencing hearing loss, as well as the degree of severity of your condition. Our diagnostic hearing test report will provide insights into:

- **Visual otoscopy:** The examination of the outer ear canal and eardrum using an ear light tool known as an otoscope.
- **Impedance:** An assessment of the function of the middle ear.
- **Pure tone:** A diagnostic test that measures hearing sensitivity.
- **Speech Reception Threshold (SRT):** The softest level (dB HL) at which a patient can accurately repeat spondee (two-syllable words) 50% of the time.

Why Should I Get a Hearing Test?

A comprehensive diagnostic hearing test can help define the type of hearing loss you have, as well as the available treatment options that may be necessary. Appletree offers diagnostic hearing tests to determine if there is any level of hearing impairment. Only by getting diagnostic hearing tests can you know the current level of your hearing. If there have been any changes in hearing level, your physician will make appropriate adjustments to your treatment or establish a new treatment plan.

What Are Some of the Symptoms of Hearing Loss?

There are many ways to recognize the early to mid-stage symptoms of hearing loss:

- Muffling of speech or other sounds
- Difficulty understanding words or hearing consonants
- Frequently asking others to speak slower or louder
- Needing to turn up the volume of TV or radio
- Withdrawal from conversations

What Are the Lasting Complications of Hearing Loss?

Some of the complications of hearing loss may include:

- Decline in the quality of life
- Onset of depression and feelings of isolation
- Cognitive impairment

Most cases of hearing loss can be helped with hearing aids or other instruments.

What to Expect



Book Your Appointment

Hearing tests are available at select Appletree Medical Centres. Visit our website to find a location near you.



During the Appointment

A licensed professional will begin a thorough examination of the ear and record the results on a graph called an audiogram, which shows the different degrees of hearing loss.



After Your Appointment

Access our Patient Portal to view test results and book future appointments. Our portal is safe, secure and easy to use.

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