



## ADULT CASE HISTORY

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### 1. Main Concern:

- HEARING LOSS\_\_\_ RIGHT EAR\_\_\_ LEFT EAR
- DIFFICULTY HEARING\_\_\_ IN QUIET\_\_\_ IN NOISE
- TINNITUS/RINGING
- TELEPHONE\_\_\_ RIGHT EAR\_\_\_ LEFT EAR
- DIZZINESS

2. How long have you noticed this difficulty? \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Is the difficulty due to a work-related injury/exposure?

Y  N IF SO: DATE OF INJURY: \_\_\_\_\_ EXPLAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

### 4. Do you feel your hearing is changing?

Y  N  GRADUAL  SUDDEN

### 5. Have you been exposed to loud noise, either recently or in the past ?

- Y  N
- FARM MACHINERY
  - POWER TOOLS
  - MUSIC
  - MILITARY
  - HUNTING/SHOOTING
  - JET ENGINES
  - FACTORY NOISE
  - OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Have you seen an Ear, Nose and Throat Physician?

Y  N IF SO: WHEN WAS YOUR LAST VISIT: \_\_\_\_\_ NAME OF PHYSICIAN \_\_\_\_\_

### 7. Have you ever had surgery that may have affected your hearing?

Y  N

### 8. Is there a history of hearing loss in your family?

Y  N IS SO: WHO? \_\_\_\_\_

### 9. Do you have a Pacemaker?

Y  N

### 10. Have you ever had an ear infection?

Y  N  AS A CHILD  AS AN ADULT

### 11. Have you, in the past 10 years, experienced chronic or acute dizziness, lightheadedness, or vertigo?

Y  N IF YES, PLEASE DESCRIBE: \_\_\_\_\_



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12. Do you take any prescription medications on a regular basis? Please List below:

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13. Do you take any Aspirin or any blood thinners?

Y  N

IF YES, NAME OF MEDICATION \_\_\_\_\_ HOW OFTEN \_\_\_\_\_

14. Please check any of the following that you currently have or have had in the past:

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|---|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> ARTHRITIS             | <input type="radio"/> MEASLES       | <input type="radio"/> CANCER _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> ASTHMA                | <input type="radio"/> MENINGITIS    | TYPE _____                         |
| <input type="radio"/> HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE   | <input type="radio"/> DIABETES      | <input type="radio"/> RADIATION    |
| <input type="radio"/> NEUROLOGICAL SYMPTOMS | <input type="radio"/> HEAD INJURY   | <input type="radio"/> CHEMOTHERAPY |
| <input type="radio"/> HEART TROUBLE         | <input type="radio"/> PARKINSON'S   | <input type="radio"/> OTHER _____  |
| <input type="radio"/> HEPATITIS             | <input type="radio"/> BELL'S PALSY  |                                    |
| <input type="radio"/> SINUSITIS             | <input type="radio"/> HIV           |                                    |
| <input type="radio"/> STROKE/TIA            | <input type="radio"/> LOSS OF SIGHT |                                    |

15. Please rank the following in order of importance [1-4], if a hearing aid is recommended for you:

- \_\_\_ IMPROVED HEARING IN QUIET
- \_\_\_ IMPROVED HEARING IN NOISE
- \_\_\_ AFFORD-ABILITY
- \_\_\_ COSMETIC APPEARANCE

16. If you are currently using a hearing aid, or have in the past, please answer the following:

- a. Which ear was aided?  L  R
- b. How long have you used a hearing aid? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. What would improve your current aid? \_\_\_\_\_
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For the following questions, answer "Yes" "Sometimes" or "No." When you are finished, assign a numerical value to your answers according to this key:

Yes = 4  
Sometimes = 2  
No = 0

1. Does a hearing problem cause you to feel embarrassed when you meet new people? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Does a hearing problem cause you to feel frustrated when talking to members of your family? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Do you have difficulty hearing when someone speaks in a whisper? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Do you feel handicapped by a hearing problem? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Does a hearing problem cause you difficulty when visiting friends, relatives or neighbors? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Does a hearing problem cause you to attend meetings/religious services less often than you would like? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Does a hearing problem cause you to have arguments with family members? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Does a hearing problem cause you difficulty when listening to TV or radio? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Do you feel that any difficulty with your hearing limits or hampers your personal or social life? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Does a hearing problem cause you difficulty when in a restaurant with relatives or friends? \_\_\_\_\_

Now add up your answers.

If you achieved a score less than 10, you have passed this screening and do not demonstrate a hearing handicap, according to this questionnaire. You may still want to have your hearing tested, although at this time it may not be necessary. However, if you notice any change in your hearing abilities, a hearing test should be conducted.

If you achieved a score of 10 or greater, you did not pass this screening and demonstrate some degree of a perceived hearing handicap, according to this questionnaire. It is highly recommended that you have your hearing tested and if relevant, begin discussions for a plan of audiologic rehabilitation.