University of Melbourne Audiology Clinic

The University of Melbourne Audiology Clinic provides a full diagnostic audiology service to the general public.

- Hearing assessment, from birth to adulthood
- Hearing screening for medicals (Pre-employment, CASA, SCUBA, and Police)
- Vestibular and balance diagnostics
- Aural rehabilitation including hearing device fitting and evaluation
- Hearing device repairs, accessories and batteries
- Neurological assessment of auditory pathways (ABR, CERA)
- Central Auditory Processing Assessment and management
- Tinnitus management including a specialised program for musicians
- Custom made ear protection plugs for (water, noise, sleep)
- Wax management
- Speech Pathology

Medical oversight is provided by Professor Stephen O’Leary of the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital.
RISK FACTORS FOR HEARING LOSS

- Age above 65 or older (~29% have hearing loss)
- Age 45-65 (~20% have hearing loss)
- Exposure to occupational noise
- Usage of ototoxic medications – Salicylates, Aminoglycosides, Loop Diuretics, and Antineoplastic agents.
- Co-morbidities include cardiovascular disease, diabetes, obesity and smoking

AUDIOLOGY REFERRAL GUIDELINES

Patients who exhibit the following could be referred:

- Difficulty picking out words in a noisy environment
- Speaks loudly and has trouble understanding or responding
- History of falls, or has problems with balance or dizziness
- Depression, worry or anxiety, related to the inability to hear
- Complaints of tinnitus – buzzing, ringing, humming in one or both ears
- Patients exposed to high noise levels of occupational noise
- Comments about everyone mumbling, difficulty with hearing women’s or children’s voices

We are accredited to provide services under Medicare, the Office of Hearing Services, Worksafe Victoria, and the Victorian Infant Hearing Screening Program (VIHSP).

HOW TO REFER

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