

KIDNEY DISEASE

Health issues leading to hearing loss

MORE THAN **HALF** WITH CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE HAVE HEARING LOSS

Severe hearing loss affects almost **30%** of patients with **Chronic Kidney Disease**.

KIDNEY DISEASE CAN LEAD TO HEARING LOSS

The link between hearing loss and CKD can be explained by structural and functional similarities between tissues in the inner ear and in the kidney. Additionally, toxins that accumulate in kidney failure can damage nerves, including those in the inner ear. Also, some treatments for kidney ailments can affect hearing.

EARLY PREVENTION NEEDED

Experts suggest having your hearing tested if you have been diagnosed with a kidney disorder, and even more so if you are treated with medications that can potentially damage hearing

SYMPTOMS OF HEARING LOSS

Hearing loss can be so gradual that a person may not notice it. Children and adults can experience hearing loss at any time. Ask the following questions to assess any risk for hearing loss:

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| Have your friends or family members complained that you're not listening? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| Do you frequently ask people to repeat themselves? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| Do you complain that people are always mumbling? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| Do you have problems following conversations with more than two people? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| Have people complained that you listen to the television or radio too loudly? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| Do you have trouble understanding conversations in crowded rooms or loud or busy restaurants? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |

If your patient answers yes to more than one of those questions, they should have their hearing tested immediately to assess the existing loss and prevent further damage.

HEARING TEST / SCREENING SHOULD BE PERFORMED AT

50+

OF AGE OR EARLIER

IF THE PATIENT SUFFERS FROM A RELATED HEALTH CONCERN



REFER YOUR PATIENTS FOR A HEARING TEST TODAY!



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