

Hearing Evaluation and Auditory Rehabilitation (HEAR-14)

How to complete this Questionnaire:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To let us know more about your hearing loss, please answer the following questions. There are no "right" or "wrong" answers, and only you can provide this information. Because we want to know how you feel about your problems, whenever a statement represents an area or activity of your life where you have a problem, please indicate HOW MUCH OF A PROBLEM it is to you. If a statement is not appropriate to your situation or if you are not having a problem in this area, circle the "0" and go on to the next statement. If you are now wearing a hearing aid, please answer these questions thinking about your hearing loss and hearing aid. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Considering how severe the problem is and how frequently it happens, please rate each item below on how "bad" it is by circling the number that corresponds with how you feel Please mark the most important items affecting your (maximum of 5 items) 	<p>0 = No problem 1 = Mild problem 2 = Moderate problem 3 = Severe problem</p>
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Situation	Degree of Problem	5 most important items
Speech muffled	0 1 2 3	
Difficulty distinguishing direction of sounds	0 1 2 3	
My intelligence or competency questioned due to my inability to completely hear others speak	0 1 2 3	
Difficulty hearing speaker who is further away from me	0 1 2 3	
Difficulty hearing telephone ring/alarm clock/door bell	0 1 2 3	
Difficulty hearing when in a group or noisy situation	0 1 2 3	

Difficulty communicating to family, friends, or others not familiar with my hearing problem	0	1	2	3	
Difficulty communicating in car	0	1	2	3	
Difficulty hearing on telephone	0	1	2	3	
Difficulty hearing television or radio	0	1	2	3	
Decreased enjoyment of music/movies/plays/outdoor performances / house of worship	0	1	2	3	
Hearing loss causes frustration	0	1	2	3	
Hearing loss causes embarrassment	0	1	2	3	
Hearing loss causes increased anxiety or nervousness	0	1	2	3	
TOTAL Average of above 14 raw scores	_____				

HEAR-14 scores are calculated as the average of the fourteen item problem scores.

The difference between HEAR-14 pre and post-fitting scores represents HEAR-14 change scores (i.e., hearing aid benefit).

Particular attention should be given to the change scores for the items designated as important.

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