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## Tinnitus Screener

**Tinnitus is ringing, buzzing, humming or other noises in your ears or head.**

### During the PAST YEAR:

1. Have you experienced tinnitus lasting more than 2 - 3 minutes? <input type="radio"/> NO: <b><u>STOP HERE</u></b> <input type="radio"/> YES: <b>GO TO #2</b>	<b>No Tinnitus</b>
2. Have you experienced tinnitus for at least 6 months? <input type="radio"/> NO: <b>GO TO #3</b> <input type="radio"/> YES: <b>GO TO #3</b>	<b>Acute Tinnitus</b> <b>Chronic Tinnitus</b>
3. In a quiet room, can you hear tinnitus? <input type="radio"/> Always: <b><u>STOP HERE</u></b> <input type="radio"/> Usually: <b><u>STOP HERE</u></b> <input type="radio"/> Sometimes/Occasionally: <b>GO TO #4</b>	<b>Constant Tinnitus</b> <b>Constant Tinnitus</b>
4. When you heard tinnitus this past year, was it caused by a recent event? (Examples: loud concert, head cold, allergies, some medications) <input type="radio"/> NO: <b>GO TO #6</b> <input type="radio"/> YES, Sometimes: <b>GO TO #5</b> <input type="radio"/> YES, Always: <b>GO TO #5</b>	<b>Temporary Tinnitus</b>
5. Does your tinnitus seem to "come and go" on its own, in addition to being caused by a recent event(s)? <input type="radio"/> NO: <b><u>STOP HERE</u></b> <input type="radio"/> YES: <b>GO TO #6</b>	<b>Temporary Tinnitus</b>
6. Do you experience tinnitus on a: <input type="radio"/> Daily or weekly basis: <b>STOP HERE</b> <input type="radio"/> Monthly or yearly basis: <b>STOP HERE</b>	<b>Intermittent Tinnitus</b> <b>Occasional Tinnitus</b>

**TINNITUS VERIFICATION**

After patient/subject is settled and comfortable in the sound booth, ask the question:

1. Right now, do you hear any sounds in your ears or head?" (*check answer below*)

- NO  
 YES

**If NO**, and results of the Tinnitus Screener indicated "no tinnitus", "occasional" or "temporary-tinnitus only," check "**true negative**" below.

**If NO**, and results of the Tinnitus Screener indicated "constant" or "intermittent" tinnitus, ask the question:

"Earlier, when asked about tinnitus, your answer suggested you hear tinnitus most of the time. Is that still true for you and you're just not hearing it right now?"

- NO, not hearing tinnitus most of the time. (Check "**false positive**" below)  
 YES, it is still true but just not hearing it now. (Check "**true positive**" below)

**If "YES"** and results of the Tinnitus Screener indicated "constant" or "intermittent" tinnitus, then check "**true positive**" below.

**If "YES"** and results of the Tinnitus Screener indicated "no tinnitus", "occasional" or "temporary-tinnitus only," ask the question:

"Do you ever hear sound in your ears or head that lasts more than 2-3 minutes when you are outside of a test booth like this one?"

- NO (Check "**true negative**" below)  
 YES (Check "**false negative**" below)

Please check verification of Tinnitus Screener response:

- True negative       True positive  
 False negative       False positive

## **TINNITUS CATEGORIZATION**

Based on results of the Tinnitus Screener, in-booth questioning, and other answers to tinnitus questions, each subject will be categorized as one of the following:

**Chronic** tinnitus = tinnitus of at least 6 months duration; subcategories would be “constant” and “intermittent” (**constant** = can usually hear it when in a quiet environment; **intermittent** = tinnitus vacillates between “present” and “not present” on a regular basis, e.g., daily or weekly)

**Acute** tinnitus = tinnitus of less than 6 months duration; subcategories would be “constant” and “intermittent”

**Occasional** tinnitus = tinnitus that is experienced on an irregular basis, e.g., “monthly or yearly”.

**Temporary-only** tinnitus = tinnitus that has been linked to some event (e.g., noise, ototoxicity) and lasted a period of time following the event and then subsided

**No tinnitus** = has not experienced tinnitus lasting more than 2-3 minutes in past year