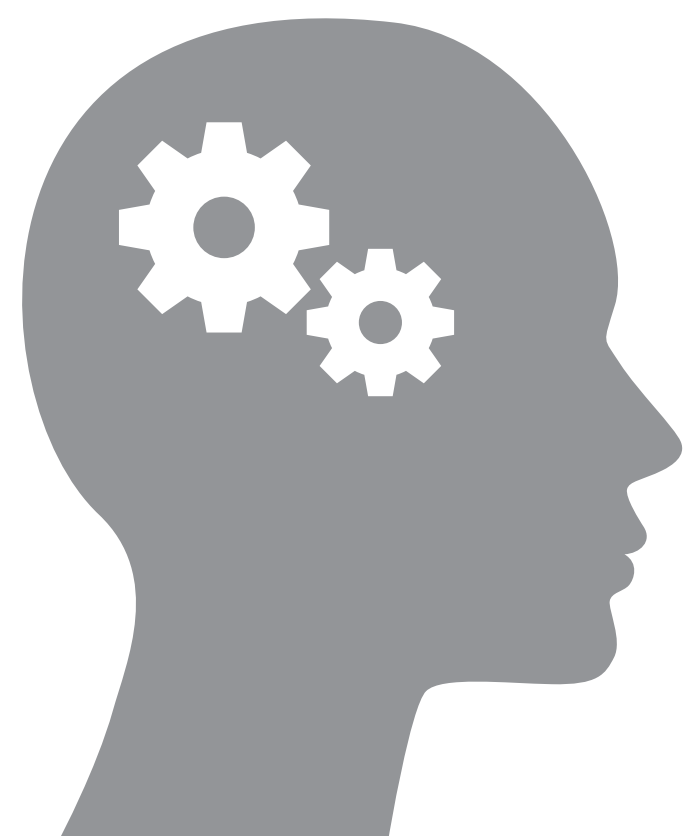


The Bare Bones About Hearing Loss

There is a connection between hearing loss and a variety of other health issues.



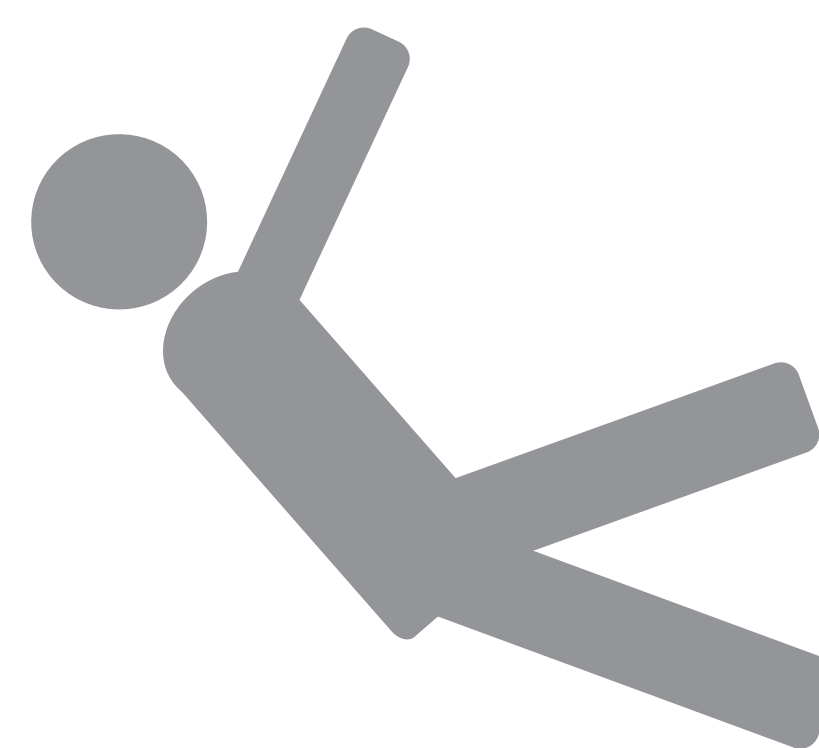
COGNITIVE DECLINE
Hearing loss causes a decline in cognitive ability.



CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE (CVD)
There is a strong correlation between hearing and heart health, with cardiovascular disease increasing the risk of hearing loss.



MORTALITY
In general, older men with hearing loss have a greater risk of dying.



FALLS
The risk of falling is three times higher in patients with hearing loss.



DIABETES
Hearing loss is twice as common in patients with diabetes, possibly due to inner ear blood vessel damage.



HOSPITALIZATION
Older adults with hearing loss are 32% more likely to require hospitalization than their peers with normal hearing.



CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE (CKD)
54% of patients with moderate chronic kidney disease report hearing loss vs. 28% with no kidney problems.



DEPRESSION
Hearing loss often causes withdrawal and social isolation – factors that may lead to depression.