

Why You Need a Diagnostic Hearing Evaluation:

Our hearing should not be taken for granted. Most individuals typically do not have their hearing evaluated until there is a problem or have sudden changes with their hearing. A baseline hearing evaluation gives us objective information and comparison if any hearing changes occur. We often have our eyes checked more routinely, but our hearing neglected. Our hearing is an important sense organ. Hearing changes can occur at any given time. Hearing can change slowly over time without us realizing it. A baseline audiogram is important in measuring changes in hearing thresholds.

Reasons for a hearing test:

- ◆ Decrease hearing
- ◆ Tinnitus-ringing in the ears
- ◆ Vertigo
- ◆ Balance disturbance
- ◆ Sudden hearing loss
- ◆ Exposure to noise
- ◆ Taking medications that can harm the hearing system
- ◆ Have medical conditions that can affect the hearing
- ◆ Speech Delay/Language Delay
- ◆ Feeling of fullness in the ears
- ◆ Differences in how each ear hears
- ◆ Asking others to repeat or feels that others are "mumbling"
- ◆ Turns the TV louder than others
- ◆ Difficulties identifying where sounds are coming from
- ◆ Guessing on what others are saying
- ◆ Withdrawing socially due to having difficulty hearing others
- ◆ Noisy background makes it difficult to hear certain type of speakers/voices
- ◆ Affecting job performance due to the inability to hear well

Take Control of Your Hearing :

- ◆ Schedule an appointment for a diagnostic hearing evaluation
- ◆ The audiologist will go over the results and recommendations. Appropriate referral will be recommended if unusual condition exists
- ◆ Learn more about noise conservation and hearing preservation
- ◆ Find out how to improve your quality of hearing

