

HEARING CENTER







The DLSUMC Hearing Center provides precision auditory tests using advanced equipment.

We offer the following services:

- Puretone audiometry
- Air and bone conduction
- Speech audiometry
- Impedance audiometry
 - Tympanometry
- Otoacoustic Emission Test (newborn hearing screening)

What are the causes of hearing loss?

- · External Ear
 - Ear wax or foreign body in canal
 - Swelling of canal (inflammation or infection)
- · Inner Ear
 - Noise
 - Hereditary
 - Ototoxic drugs
 - Infections (e.g. meningitis)
 - Meniere's Disease
 - Trauma
 - Tumor

· Middle Ear

- Dislocation or adhesion of ossicular chain
- Significant scarring or perforation of drum
- Drug-induced loss caused by various medications like aminoglycoside antibiotics, loop diuretic (furosemide, ethacrynic acid), ASA, antimalarials and antineoplastics.
- Noise-induced loss acquired from work, home (e.g. power tools), or recreation (e.g. loud music, guns, automobiles).
 Any loud noise can be hazardous and its effects are cumulative.

When should we have a hearing test?

Every child should have a hearing assessment within three (3) months after birth. Early identification and intervention is critical for language development.

Adults who are regularly exposed to high noise levels should have a hearing test at least once a year.

Anyone who experiences the slightest difficulty in hearing should undergo a hearing assessment in order to detect and help preserve communication and listening skills.

How to prevent hearing loss

It is advisable to have regular hearing tests as hearing loss is commonly ignored. DLSUMC Hearing Center provides accurate and precise hearing tests, conducted by well-trained audiologists and audiometrists. These tests are safe, painless and comfortable.

Recommendations for individuals who are exposed to noise:

- Use hearing protection by wearing earplugs and ear muffs when noise is unavoidable.
- Reduce the amount of time you are exposed to the noise.
- Reduce the noise at its source.
- Monitor level of hearing by undergoing annual hearing test.
- Consult an ear specialist when you notice problems with your ears or hearing.

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