

## DEPRESSION RISK AWARENESS



## HEARING HEALTH DECISIONS

IN THE U.S., IT IS ESTIMATED THAT **37 MILLION** ADULTS HAVE SOME DEGREE OF **HEARING LOSS** WHILE **22 MILLION** SUFFER FROM SOME FORM OF **DEPRESSION**.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Your ears can be a "window to your mind"  
and hearing loss may increase depression risk, especially for those younger than 70 years.

#### RESEARCH INDICATES

THOSE WITH SENSORY LOSS, ESPECIALLY BOTH HEARING AND VISION, EXPERIENCE DEPRESSIVE SYMPTOMS MORE THAN THE GENERAL POPULATION.

MORE ACUTE NEED FOR TIMELY HEALTHCARE INTERVENTION WHEN INCREASED SENSORY LOSS CONSTRAINS DAILY FUNCTIONALITY.

HEARING HEALTH PROVIDERS CAN PLAY A KEY ROLE IN REFERRING THOSE WITH DEPRESSIVE SYMPTOMS TO MENTAL AND VISION HEALTH EXPERTS.

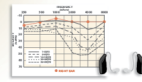
One's capacity to succeed with these lifestyle goals may reduce the degree to which hearing loss increases depression risk and anxiety.

Effectively handling activities of daily living



Consistently engaging in social activities

Enjoying mentally stimulating hobbies



Ensuring best corrected hearing and visual abilities

**TALK TO YOUR HEARING, VISION AND MENTAL HEALTH EXPERTS ABOUT HOW:**  
Following their caring guidance can help improve quality of life.

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## PLEASE TELL

friends and loved ones at risk to contact us  
for a professional hearing evaluation.



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