

# 5 Reasons to Refer to An Audiologist

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## 1. **Untreated hearing loss** is associated with:

- cognitive decline
- depression
- decreased quality of life<sup>1</sup>

## 2. Patients with hearing loss are **more likely to be hospitalized**, have readmissions within 30 days and have increased number of ED visits<sup>2</sup>

## 3. Untreated hearing loss **triples risk of falling** in older adults<sup>3</sup>

## 4. Only **20% of PCPs routinely screen** for hearing loss<sup>4</sup>

## 5. Hearing aid use associated with **higher quality of life**<sup>5</sup>

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