

At a glance Referral Guide for Audiologists Referring from One Stop Clinics

Refer to ENT	Refer to Imaging (under 75yrs only)	Refer to HT
<u>Bilateral pulsatile Tinnitus</u> lasting more than 5 minutes at a time	<u>Unilateral or asymmetrical sensori-neural hearing loss</u> defined as a difference between the left and right bone conduction thresholds of 15 dB or greater (20 dB with mixed hearing loss) at two or more of the following frequencies: 500, 1000, 2000 or 4000 Hz.	<u>Bothersome Tinnitus</u> defined as a score of Grade 4 or 5 on the THI. Also, a score of grade 3 may be referred if the clinician deems it necessary.
<u>Persistent pain</u> affecting either ear (defined as earache lasting more than 7 days in the past 90 days before appointment);	<u>Unilateral or asymmetrical</u> tinnitus, or <u>unilateral, pulsatile tinnitus</u> lasting more than 5 minutes at a time	<u>Low THI score</u> where patient requires further input, for example, medication queries or sleep advice
<u>History of discharge</u> other than wax from either ear within the last 90 days		
<u>Sudden loss or sudden deterioration</u> of hearing (sudden=within 1 week, in which case send an urgent fax to ENT department to be seen on the casualty clinic.		
<u>Rapid loss or rapid deterioration of hearing</u> (rapid=90 days or less)		
<u>Mixed hearing loss</u> (AC \geq 60dB HL with air bone gap \geq 30dB HL)		
<u>Conductive hearing loss</u> (BC \leq 20dB HL with air-bone gap \geq 50dB)		

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