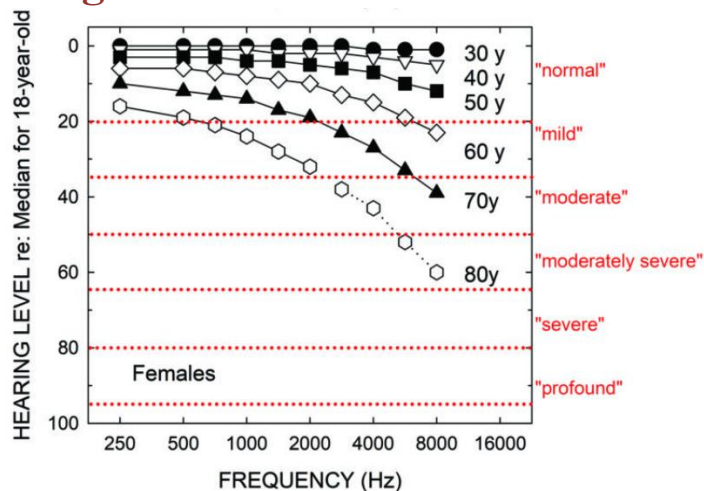
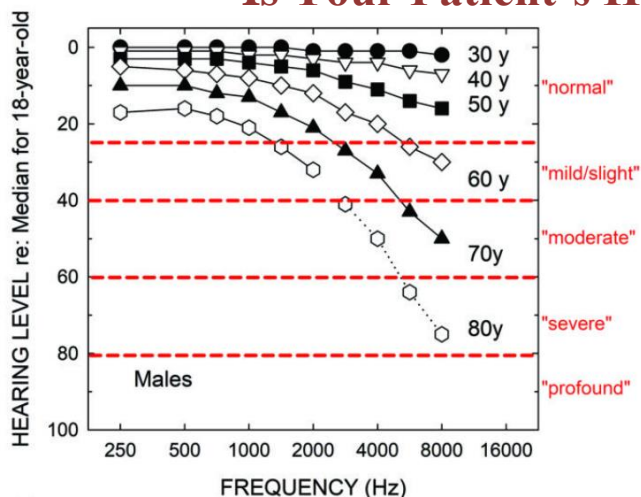


Is Your Patient's Hearing Loss "Normal"?



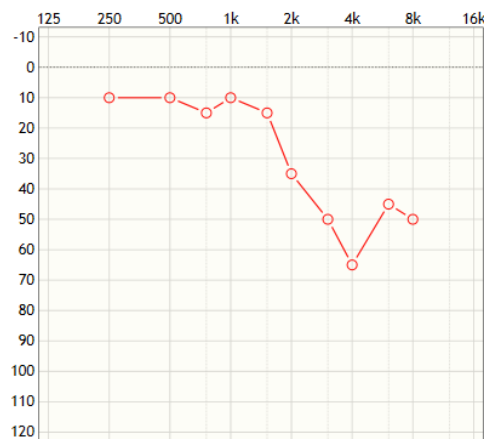
Normal hearing by age for left (male) and right (female) by International Standards Organization (ISO) in ISO-7029.

We have had a lot of patients asking lately, is the amount of hearing loss I have "normal"? As our previous Tidbits have focused on risk factors, another important aspect of hearing loss is that by continuing to live, hearing loss on some level is inevitable.

The charts above show audiogram curves that have been "standardized" by age and give insight to the general decline that we see with the aging population. When physicians complete hearing screenings, it is important to consider that the screening is typically at a low volume, around 20 or 25 dB. When a patient fails the screening, their hearing loss may be much worse than what the screening indicated. The sooner someone with hearing loss is diagnosed and treated, the minimal the impact on their cognition and social isolation. Early intervention is key, even in the aging population!

Consider the curve for an 80-year-old. If they haven't even had their hearing tested before, they might think they hear ok, because they can still hear in the low pitches. Their brain has been missing the high frequency consonants for likely decades, and they will have a more difficult transition to successful hearing aid use compared to the curve of the 60-year-old.

Quiz time! Email us your answer for a sweet treat delivered to your clinic! Is the hearing loss to the right considered normal for a 60-year-old male?



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