

Ask a Doctor of Audiology

About hearing loss and hearing devices



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Q. Hearing loss & heart disease: What's the connection?

A. A cardiovascular study reported that individuals between age 52 and 97, with a history of myocardial infarction (MI), are more likely to have "impaired cochlear function" - hearing loss. The study was conducted on 1600 subjects (41% men) by Dr. Peter Torre II, at the Univ. of Wisconsin. The findings were presented at the American Heart Association's annual Cardiovascular Disease and Epidemiology Prevention conference. One interesting note, more than 50% were women and that begs the question: why are more women not being tested for hearing loss? It used to be that men were most likely to be affected by a noise-induced hearing loss, but as more women entered the work force that is no longer the case. Whatever your gender, have your hearing tested.

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