

RNID online hearing check result

Dear Doctor,

Your patient has taken the RNID online hearing check. Their result indicates that they may have hearing loss.

We recommend the following investigation:

- otoscopy for outer and middle ear pathology
- discussion of hearing difficulties
- the use of a tuning fork if available.

Depending on the outcome of the investigation, a referral for a full audiology assessment might be necessary in line with NICE Guideline [NG98] Hearing loss in adults: assessment and management (2018).

Evidence shows that the earlier someone receives support for their hearing loss, the more likely they are to benefit long term.

RCGP Deafness and Hearing Loss Toolkit

RNID has collaborated with the Royal College of GPs (RCGP) to develop an educational online toolkit to support GPs to consult effectively with deaf patients, identify early symptoms of hearing loss, and refer patients for a hearing assessment.

See the toolkit at www.rcgp.org.uk/clinical-and-research/resources/toolkits/deafness-and-hearing-loss-toolkit

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About RNID

RNID is the charity making life fully inclusive for deaf people and those with hearing loss or tinnitus. Together, we campaign for an inclusive society. We connect people to practical advice and fund research to pioneer new treatments for hearing loss and tinnitus.

About the hearing check

The RNID hearing check is a 'speech-in-noise' test. It assesses the ability to hear someone speaking when there's background noise, as in a crowded room. So it checks hearing ability in a real-life way.

At the end of the check, the listener receives a result and advice on what to do next, along with this letter for their GP if hearing loss is suspected.

The hearing check does not provide a medical diagnosis, but it can identify when someone may have hearing loss. It cannot determine the degree or type of hearing loss – for example, sensorineural or conductive.

You can take the hearing check online at rnid.org.uk/check-your-hearing

Yours faithfully,

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