

TINNITUS HANDICAP INVENTORY (THI)

INSTRUCTIONS: The purpose of this questionnaire is to identify difficulties that you may be experiencing because of your tinnitus. Please answer every question. Please do not skip any questions.

Name: _____ Date: _____

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| 1. Because of your tinnitus, is it difficult for you to concentrate? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> Sometimes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 2. Does the loudness of your tinnitus make it difficult for you to hear people? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> Sometimes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 3. Does your tinnitus make you angry? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> Sometimes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 4. Does your tinnitus make you feel confused? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> Sometimes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 5. Because of your tinnitus, do you feel desperate? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> Sometimes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 6. Do you complain a great deal about your tinnitus? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> Sometimes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 7. Because of your tinnitus, do you have trouble falling asleep at night? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> Sometimes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 8. Do you feel as though you cannot escape your tinnitus? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> Sometimes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 9. Does your tinnitus interfere with your ability to enjoy your social activities (such as going out to dinner, to the movies)? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> Sometimes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 10. Because of your tinnitus, do you feel frustrated? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> Sometimes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 11. Because of your tinnitus, do you feel that you have a terrible disease? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> Sometimes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 12. Does your tinnitus make it difficult for you to enjoy life? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> Sometimes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 13. Does your tinnitus interfere with your job or household responsibilities? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> Sometimes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 14. Because of your tinnitus, do you find that you are often irritable? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> Sometimes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 15. Because of your tinnitus, is it difficult for you to read? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> Sometimes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 16. Does your tinnitus make you upset? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> Sometimes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 17. Do you feel that your tinnitus problem has placed stress on your relationships with members of your family and/or friends? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> Sometimes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 18. Do you find it difficult to focus your attention away from your tinnitus and on other things? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> Sometimes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 19. Do you feel that you have no control over your tinnitus? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> Sometimes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 20. Because of your tinnitus, do you often feel tired? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> Sometimes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 21. Because of your tinnitus, do you feel depressed? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> Sometimes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 22. Does your tinnitus make you feel anxious? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> Sometimes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 23. Do you feel that you can no longer cope with your tinnitus? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> Sometimes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 24. Does your tinnitus get worse when you are under stress? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> Sometimes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 25. Does your tinnitus make you feel insecure? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> Sometimes | <input type="radio"/> No |

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Total Score Per Column

Total THI Score: (number of "yes" responses x 4) + (number of "sometimes" responses x 2) = **Total Score**

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| 0 - 16 | Slight (Only heard in quiet environments) | GRADE 1 |
| 18 - 36 | Mild (Easily masked by environmental sounds and easily forgotten with activities) | GRADE 2 |
| 38 - 56 | Moderate (Noticed in presence of background noise, although daily activities can still be performed) | GRADE 3 |
| 58 - 76 | Severe (Almost always heard, leads to disturbed sleep patterns and can interfere with daily activities) | GRADE 4 |
| 78 - 100 | Catastrophic (Always heard, disturbed sleep patterns, difficulty with any activities) | GRADE 5 |

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