







| Screening Result | Patient Report | Questions to Ask | Referrer's Next Steps | Solution |
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| -10 - 19 dB Normal | No concerns; want to protect their hearing | Do you have any hobbies or recreational activities that have you listening to loud sounds? | Ear protection - Over-the counter or custom devices for those who need to listen to music or while hunting |  |
| 20 - 34 dB Mild | Occasional difficulty understanding speech in a noise environment | Do you wish you could hear better in noisy environments? | Over-the-counter device or hearing aid - online solutions or an evaluation by a hearing health professional |  |
| 35 - 49 dB Moderate | Frequent difficulty understanding speech in noisy environments and request for repetition | Do you find yourself struggling in areas where the noise level is high? | Hearing aids - Refer patient for an evaluation by a hearing health professional |  |
| 50 - 64 dB Moderate-severe | Frequent difficulty understanding speech in noisy environments and need for repetition | Do you find yourself avoiding areas where the noise level is high? | Hearing aids or Cochlear Implant - Refer patient for an evaluation by a hearing health professional to determine the appropriate hearing solution. If the patient struggles with speech understanding with a hearing aid and has a hearing loss >60 dB HL, a cochlear implant referral is appropriate for a baseline assessment |   |
| 65 - 79 dB Severe | Consistent difficulty understanding speech in a noisy environment, commonly asking for repetition | Do you struggle to understand speech even when using your hearing aids? | Cochlear Implant - Refer patient for an evaluation by a hearing health professional to determine if a cochlear implant can provide increase clarity and benefit over hearing aid. |  |
| >80 dB Profound | Inability to understand speech in quiet and/or noise. | Do you require visual cues, sign language or voice to text to understand speech | Cochlear Implant - Refer patient for an evaluation by a hearing health professional to determine if a cochlear implant can provide increase clarity and benefit over hearing aid. |  |