



Leading Causes of Hearing Loss

In Children

- **Infectious Diseases**
 - **Mumps**
 - **Measles**
 - **Bacterial meningitis**
- **Middle Ear Problems**
 - **About 90% of children younger than age six experience ear infections (Otitis media)**
 - **Congenital Problems**
 - **Ear infections**
 - **Craniofacial abnormalities**
 - **Family history of hearing loss**
- **Trauma to the Head**
- **Ototoxic Medications**



Leading Causes of Hearing Loss, Continued

In Adults

- **Normal Aging Process**
- **Heredity**
- **Tumors or other growths**
- **Excessive exposure to loud noises including work-related noises, gunshots, loud music, etc.**
- **Certain disorders of the vascular or circulatory systems**
- **The result of certain illnesses such as bacterial meningitis**
- **Trauma to the head**
- **Ototoxic medications**