

Hearing Handicap Inventory for the Elderly (HHIE-S)

ITEM	YES (4 pts)	SOMETIMES (2 pts)	NO (0 pts)
Does a hearing problem cause you to feel embarrassed when you meet new people?			
Does a hearing problem cause you to feel frustrated when talking to members of your family?			
Do you have difficulty hearing when someone speaks in a whisper?			
Do you feel handicapped by a hearing problem?			
Does a hearing problem cause you difficulty when visiting friends, relatives, or neighbors?			
Does a hearing problem cause you to attend religious services less often than you would like?			
Does a hearing problem cause you to have arguments with family members?			
Does a hearing problem cause you difficulty when listening to TV or radio?			
Do you feel that any difficulty with your hearing limits or hampers your personal or social life?			
Does a hearing problem cause you difficulty when in a restaurant with relatives or friends?			
RAW SCORE _____(sum of the points assigned each of the items)			
INTERPRETING THE RAW SCORE			
0 to 8 = 13% probability of hearing impairment (no handicap/no referral)			
10 to 24 = 50% probability of hearing impairment (mild-moderate handicap/refer)			
26 to 40 = 84% probability of hearing impairment (severe handicap/refer)			
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