

# The "HEARING BONE'S" Connected to the WHAT?

Hearing loss may signal other important health issues



## CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE (CVD)

Could the ear be a window to the heart?  
Hearing loss and CVD linked



## ALZHEIMER'S & DEMENTIA

Dementia risk may be up to 5X higher with hearing loss



## DIABETES

Hearing loss 2X as likely for those with diabetes



## DEPRESSION

Symptoms go down, quality of life goes up with hearing aid use



## HEARING LOSS IS CONNECTED TO OTHER HEALTH CONDITIONS



## HOSPITALIZATION

32% more likely for older adults with hearing loss



## FALLING

Hearing loss tied to 3-fold risk of falling



## CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE (CKD)

Moderate CKD associated with 43% increased risk of hearing loss



## MORTALITY

Hearing loss tied to greater risk of dying for older men