

## QUESTION:

What is the most common reason for hearing loss?



LUNCHTIME BRIEFING AND TOUR

## Human Communication Research at NIH & Tour of NIDCD Labs in Bethesda, MD

Wednesday, August 8, 2018

FCHHC invites you to learn about the latest research and treatments for human communication disorders, followed by a tour of the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD) labs at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The NIDCD supports and conducts research on the normal and disordered processes of hearing, balance, taste, smell, voice, speech, and language.

### Schedule

- 10:30 am – Shuttle departs Capitol Hill to NIH
- Noon – Lunchtime presentation on NIH and NIDCD research by Dr. Andrew Griffith, NIDCD Scientific Director
- 12:40 pm – Research lab tours
- 2:00 pm – Shuttle departs NIH to Capitol Hill

### ADVANCED RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED!

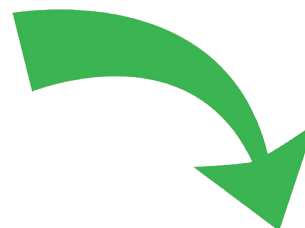
Please RSVP by August 3, 2018 to Nichole Westin at [nwestin@acialliance.org](mailto:nwestin@acialliance.org)

Shuttle details, or information to enter NIH facility if you travel on your own, will be provided upon reservation.

### Honorary Co-Hosts

The Honorable David McKinley of West Virginia  
and  
The Honorable Mike Thompson of California

## ANSWER:



Genetic factors play a role in over 50% of hearing loss in children. Genetics is also a factor in late-onset hearing loss in adults. In most adults, it is a combination of genes and non-genetic factors such as prolonged, loud noise exposure.

Lunch provided by the FCHHC. Please confirm if you require ASL or CART services.

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