CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES

AGE-RELATED HEARING LOSS FLOWCHART

KAS - Key Action Statement  |  HL - Hearing Loss  |  ALDS - Assistive Listening Devices  |  WRS - Word Recognition Score  |  ARHL - Age-Related Hearing Loss
CHL - Conductive Hearing Loss  |  MHL - Mixed Hearing Loss  |  CI - Cochlear Implant

Age ≥ 50?

Screen for any HL

Examine Ears

Identify patient preferences & sociodemographic factors

Communication Strategies & ALDS

SYMmetric BILateral PROGRESSIVE HEARING LOSS (ARHL)

Patient Education and Counseling

Amplification

Assess communication goals and improvement

Is amplification appropriately fitted?

YES

IF NORMAL

YES

CONDITION RESOLVED

ABNORMAL EXAM

Treat or refer for ear condition

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Refer to hearing health clinician

NO

Reassess within 2-5 years if age between 50-65 or within 1-3 years if age ≥ 65

Perform Audiogram

NORMAL

KAS 1

Abnormal

KAS 3

KAS 6

KAS 10

DOING WELL

MILL

NOT DOING WELL

YES

Refer for CI evaluation

KAS 9

KAS 11

KAS 12

KAS 2

KAS 4

KAS 5

KAS 8

KAS 7

KAS 11

KAS 12

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