Subject: Tinnitus
Posted by Nymeria on Thu, 12 Apr 2012 15:09:13 GMT
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Can tinnitus be permanent? I think most people have had brief episodes, either randomly or from exposure to loud noises, but do some people have it for the rest of their lives?

Subject: Re: Tinnitus
Posted by gofar99 on Thu, 12 Apr 2012 16:56:26 GMT
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The short answer is yes. It bugs me at low levels. Only though when it is really quiet around me. Fortunately it has not chosen to interfere with music listening - at least not yet.

Subject: Re: Tinnitus
Posted by Equinom on Thu, 12 Apr 2012 18:07:39 GMT
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Is it bad that I had to look up this term to make sure I had the right definition, before posting here? As of now, I have yet to develop Tinnitus. I would imagine once it develops, you never really can get rid of it. It will stick around for the rest of your life to some degree.

Subject: Re: Tinnitus
Posted by audioaudio90 on Fri, 13 Apr 2012 18:45:16 GMT
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It can be temporary or permanent, depending on the cause and severity. I'm sorry to hear you have this condition, Bruce, and I can see why it'd bother you!

Subject: Re: Tinnitus
Posted by Shane on Fri, 13 Apr 2012 21:05:54 GMT
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Mine is similar to Bruce's. In a quiet room it will drive me crazy. I've noticed that acetaminophen will make it worse.

Too much loud ass music when playing in a band for years and going to rock concerts.

Subject: Re: Tinnitus
Posted by gofar99 on Sat, 14 Apr 2012 01:33:25 GMT

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Hi, I suspect there are several variations of it. Mine is low level and is like an inter station hiss on FM. Some folks seem to have specific frequencies. That would be bad. A low level hiss I can live with a constant middle C would drive me nuts. (my spouse says that would only be a short trip from where I am now)

Subject: Re: Tinnitus
Posted by Shane on Sat, 14 Apr 2012 01:52:12 GMT
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Mine is a specific frequency, but I've never bothered to see what. Remember when you used to walk into a room full of CRT monitors? That high pitched "whine", that's it. I've got a ceiling fan going over my head right now with a TV fairly loud in the other room and I can hear that whine pretty damn good. I guess I've learned to live with it. Certain frequencies of voices I have a hard time hearing. If someone is talking to my back it more often than not is mumbling to me.

Subject: Re: Tinnitus
Posted by TurnItUp on Wed, 02 May 2012 17:21:25 GMT
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I am sorry you guys! I couldn't imagine having to deal with it permanently, but I know there are many people who do. I have had issues with it when I have had an ear infection before, but fortunately it didn't last more than a couple of days.

Subject: Re: Tinnitus
Posted by love2play on Wed, 02 May 2012 18:58:59 GMT
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I did not know that some people have permanent tinnitus! I imagine that could get pretty annoying, but I suppose like anything else after awhile you just get used to it.

Subject: Re: Tinnitus
Posted by Shane on Wed, 02 May 2012 20:52:45 GMT
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love2play wrote on Wed, 02 May 2012 13:58I did not know that some people have permanent tinnitus! I imagine that could get pretty annoying, but I suppose like anything else after awhile you just get used to it.

Well, you do learn to ignore it at times, but it's hard. I found out my son is actually helping another

guy do some programming work for a trial study on tinnitus elimination. They seem to be focusing specific frequencies to permanently cancel out the damage. I need to check into it more and see if I can be a test subject.

Subject: Re: Tinnitus
Posted by mixinlady on Fri, 11 May 2012 04:39:52 GMT
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Yes, some people can have it long term, and it sounds like a simply awful fate if you ask me. I get ringing ears sometimes if I get water in them while showering, and it bugs the crap outta me!

Subject: Re: Tinnitus
Posted by Shane on Fri, 11 May 2012 05:01:51 GMT
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mixinlady wrote on Thu, 10 May 2012 23:39Yes, some people can have it long term, and it sounds like a simply awful fate if you ask me. I get ringing ears sometimes if I get water in them while showering, and it bugs the crap outta me!

Yep. I've had it going on 25 years at least. It blows.

Subject: Re: Tinnitus
Posted by FloydV on Tue, 19 Jun 2012 06:15:06 GMT
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Yep, I know it can be permanent. I think mine started when I was about 35, and I'm 30 years older now. The loudness of it varies from a constant low ringing to damned irritating.

I just had my ears checked by an ENT, and there is no cure in sight. Way back when, some people had their entire inner ears removed, but the noise was unchanged. The volume can be so loud it makes people desperate to stop it, especially when it is accompanied by dizziness.

Floyd
