



# TINNITUS AND HYPERACUSIS QUESTIONNAIRE

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| Name: | Date: |
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**INSTRUCTIONS:** Please answer the following questions. If you need more space for your answer, please continue on a separate sheet.

**1. When did you first become aware of having tinnitus and/or hyperacusis (increased sensitivity to sound), and what do you believe caused these symptoms?**

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**2. Was the onset:** Sudden / Gradual

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**3. Where is the primary location of your tinnitus?**

Right ear / Left ear / Both ears equal / In your head / Other \_\_\_\_\_

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**4. What does the tinnitus sound like (ringing, hissing, humming, crickets, seashell, etc.)?**

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**5. Is your tinnitus:** Intermittent / Constant

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**6. Does your tinnitus fluctuate in volume?** Yes / No

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**7. Is it pulsing in time with your heartbeat?** Yes / No

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**8. Do you have “bad days”/ “tinnitus days”?** Yes / No

**How many days per week?**

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**9. Does you tinnitus appear worse (check all applicable):**

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|--|----------------|--|-----------------------|
|  | When tired     |  | When tense or nervous |
|  | At bedtime     |  | After use of alcohol  |
|  | Upon awakening |  | When relaxed          |

**10. How does sound effect your tinnitus?** No effect / Makes it louder / Makes it softer

If so, how long does this effect last for? Minutes / Hours / Days

**11. List all methods, procedures, medications, or devices you have tried for your tinnitus and the outcome of the treatments.**

**12. Have you seen other specialists about your tinnitus? How many? What were you told?**

**13. Why is the tinnitus a problem?**

**14. Estimate the percentage of time over the past month that you are:**

Aware of your tinnitus:            %

Annoyed by your tinnitus:        %

**15. Please circle, on a scale from 1 to 10 (where 0 = none, 10 = totally devastated):**

Severity of tinnitus: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Annoyance of tinnitus: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Effect of tinnitus on your life: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

**16. Do you have hearing loss? Describe.**

**17. Have you ever been recommended hearing aids?        Yes / No**

**If yes, do you currently wear hearing aids?        Yes / No**

**18. If you are a hearing aid user, how do they affect your tinnitus?**

No effect / Makes tinnitus louder / Makes tinnitus softer

**19. Are you over sensitive to sound? Yes / No**

**If yes, do you experience physical discomfort/pain around certain sounds? Yes / No**

**20. What kind of sounds/noises are troublesome to you?**

**21. Do you wear ear protection (plugs or muffs)? Yes / No**

**If so, estimate the percentage of time you wear them: %**

**Do you wear them in quiet situations? Yes / No**

**22. List all methods, procedures, medicines, or treatments you have tried for your hyperacusis:**

**23. Why is the sound sensitivity a problem?**

**24. Have you ever worked anywhere that exposed you to continuous loud noise such as a factory, jackhammer, airport, etc.? Yes / No**

**If so, where or what was it, and how long?**

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**25. Please circle, on a scale from 1 to 10 (where 0 = none, 10 = totally devastated):**

Severity of hyperacusis: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  
 Annoyance of hyperacusis: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  
 Effect of hyperacusis on your life: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

**26. Do you have “bad” sound sensitivity days? Yes / No**

**If yes, how many “bad” days per week?**

**27. Are there activities that you are prevented from doing, or that have been affected by the tinnitus/hyperacusis? (Check either Yes / No / Unsure)**

|                               | Tinnitus |    |        | Hyperacusis |    |        |
|-------------------------------|----------|----|--------|-------------|----|--------|
|                               | Yes      | No | Unsure | Yes         | No | Unsure |
| Concentration                 |          |    |        |             |    |        |
| Sleep                         |          |    |        |             |    |        |
| Quiet Recreational Activities |          |    |        |             |    |        |
| Work                          |          |    |        |             |    |        |
| Restaurants                   |          |    |        |             |    |        |
| Sports                        |          |    |        |             |    |        |
| Social Events                 |          |    |        |             |    |        |
| Concerts                      |          |    |        |             |    |        |
| Housekeeping                  |          |    |        |             |    |        |
| Shopping                      |          |    |        |             |    |        |
| Driving                       |          |    |        |             |    |        |
| Childcare                     |          |    |        |             |    |        |
| Movies                        |          |    |        |             |    |        |
| Church                        |          |    |        |             |    |        |
| Other (please explain)        |          |    |        |             |    |        |

**28. What medication are you currently taking and for what purpose?**

**29. Please rank how severely the following problems affect your life (where 0 = none, 10 = totally devastated):**

|                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
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| Tinnitus:          | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Sound intolerance: | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Hearing loss:      | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |

**30. Do you have legal action pending in relation to your tinnitus or hyperacusis, or are you planning legal action? Yes / No**

**If you have retained a lawyer in relation to your tinnitus, please list:**

Lawyers' name:

Company:

Contact: