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Medical Review Daniel Murrell, M.D. - Author Kathleen Davis, FNP December 15, 2017What is tinnitus? Symptoms Of TheTreatmentHome MeansDiagnosticisca FactorsA person with tinnitus often hears tinnitus, but they can also hear machinations, tapping, or whistling sounds. It may be temporary, or it can be chronic and persistent. Tinnitus is thought to affect 50 million Americans. This usually occurs after the age of 50, but children and adolescents can experience this, too.Common causes excessive or cumulative exposure to noise, head and neck injuries, and ear infections. Sometimes this can indicate a serious underlying disease. There is no cure for tinnitus, but there are ways to control it. Most people with chronic tinnitus adjust to ringing over time, but 1 in 5 will find it disturbing or debilitating. For some, it can lead to insomnia, difficulty concentrating, poor work or school performance, irritability, anxiety and depression. Here are some key points about tinnitus. More information in the main article. About 50 million Americans experience some form of tinnitus. Most tinnitus is due to damage to the cochlea, or inner ear. Some medications can cause or worsen tinnitus, such as aspirin, especially in high doses. People with tinnitus may be overly sensitive to loud noise. Most people learn to live with tinnitus, but help is available for those who find it difficult. Tinnitus occurs when we consciously hear a sound that does not come from any source outside the body. This is not a disease, but a symptom of a major problem. Noise is usually subjective, meaning that only a person who has tinnitus can hear it. The most common form is a steady, high ringing. This can be annoying, but it usually does not indicate a serious condition. In less than 1 percent of cases, this can be objective. This means that other people can hear noise. This type of noise can be caused by cardiovascular or musculoskeletal movements in the human body. This can be a sign of a medical emergency. Tinnitus is a non-auditory, internal sound that can be intermittent or continuous, in one or both ears, and either low or high. Various sounds have been described as whistling, chirping, clicking, squealing, slyling, static, roaring, buzzing, throbbing, whistling, or musical. The volume of the sound can fluctuate. This is often most noticeable at night or during periods of silence. There may be some hearing loss. The first step is to treat any underlying cause of tinnitus. This may include: rapid care of the infection is the overexposure of any ototoxic treatment drugs of any visomandibular joints (TMJ) problems that affect the joint between the jawbone and the cheeks boneThere there is no cure for most cases of tinnitus. Most people to him and learn to adjust it. Ignoring it rather than focusing on it can be a relief. If it doesn't work, a person may benefit from treatment treatment tinnitus, insomnia, anxiety, hearing difficulties, social isolation, and depression. Addressing these issues can significantly improve a person's quality of life. Here are some other things a person can do to manage tinnitus and its effects. Sound therapy uses external noise to mask a person's perception of tinnitus. Low-level background music, white noise or specialized ear masks can help. The choice of sound should be pleasant for the person. The camouflage devices offer temporary relief, and awareness of tinnitus returns when the sound therapy is turned off. Hearing aids are a common type of sound therapy. They amplify the sounds of the environment and redirect attention to these noises rather than tinnitus. Tinnitus Retraining Therapy (TRT) involves retraining the auditory system to take abnormal tinnitus sounds as natural rather than destructive. It involves help from a qualified professional and wearing a device that emits a low-level white noise. Current counseling can help people cope with tinnitus. The success of this therapy is commensurate with the severity of tinnitus and the general mental health of the person. Subsequent studies show that TRT provides relief for about 80 percent of people with tinnitus. Cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT) can help alleviate depression in people with tinnitus, although this does not seem to reduce sound. A healthy lifestyle is to prevent tinnitus, and possibly hearing loss, by avoiding exposure to loud noises. To prevent hearing damage from developmental or deterioration: The use of hearing protection, such as ear silencer and ear plugs, in noisy environments of personal listening devices at a moderate extentImproving wellness will not stop tinnitus, but general well-being can help limit its intensity and provide physical and emotional benefits. Exercise, healthy eating, good sleeping habits, avoiding smoking and excessive alcohol, recreational and social activities, and stress management and relaxation techniques can help achieve optimal wellness. Unfortunately, once the damage is done, there is no way to reverse it. Anyone who experiences tinnitus should see a doctor for a check-up and evaluation to determine the underlying cause. A medical examination may rule out any rare but life-threatening causes of tinnitus. Referral to an otolaryngologist, or ear, nose, and throat specialist, may be necessary. The questions a doctor can ask include: How and when did it start? Are noises constant, intermittent or pulsating? Is there hearing loss or dizziness? Is there pain or jaw pressing? Have you had a recent illness or injury? Were there any exposure to loud noise such as a rock concert or explosives? Tests can In themselves: A full examination of the ear, head, neck and torso, and torso tests of blood tests, the most common cause of tinnitus is damage and loss of tiny sensory hair cells in the cochlea's inner ear. It usually happens as people age and it's this also as a result of prolonged exposure to excessive noise. Hearing loss can coincide with tinnitus. Studies show that the sensory loss of certain sound frequencies leads to changes in how the brain processes sound. As the brain receives less external stimuli around a particular frequency, it begins to fit and change. Tinnitus can be the way the brain fills the missing sound frequencies it no longer receives from its own auditory system. Some medications such as aspirin, ibuprofen, some antibiotics and diuretics may be ototoxic. They cause damage to the inner ear, causing tinnitus. Other possible causes: head and neck injuriesear infectionsa foreign object or ear water touching eardrumeustachian tube (middle ear) problemtemporomandibular joint (TMJ) disordersstiffening middle ear bone diseases of the brain, if the foreign body or ear eye causes noise in the ears, removal of the object or wax often makes noise in the ears. Tinnitus that sounds like a heartbeat can be more severe. This may be due to abnormal growth in the ear area such as swelling or abnormal connection between the vena and the artery. She needs medical examination as soon as possible. Teenagers, loud music, and possible future hearing problems, a study found that of the 170 teens, more than half had experienced tinnitus in the previous year. Studies have shown that potentially risky leisure habits, such as listening to loud music on personal devices, can cause tinnitus. However, the researchers found that those who were prone to tinnitus tended to keep their music volume down, suggesting they may already already have a latent susceptibility to hearing loss in the future. They offer monitoring of tinnitus and low tolerance to loud noise from an early age, as these may be early signs of future hearing loss. Tinnitus is a common problem in the general population, especially among those with certain risk factors. These include: noise exposure from work, headphones, concerts, explosives, and so on, how men suffer more than women affected by loss, as older people are more susceptible to the last medical examined December 15, 2017 Tinnitus (pronounced tih-NITE-us or TIN-ih-tus) sound in the head without an external source. For many, it's the ringing sound, while for others, it's whistling, buzzing, chirping, squista, humming, roaring, or even squealing. The sound may seem from one ear or both, from inside the head, or from afar. It can be permanent or intermittent, steady or pulsating. Almost everyone had tinnitus for a short time after being exposed to a very loud noise. For example, attending a loud concert can cause short-term tinnitus. Some medications (especially aspirin and others anti-inflammatory drugs taken in high doses) can cause tinnitus, which goes away when the drug stops. When it lasts more than six months, it is known as chronic tinnitus. 50 to millions of people in the United States suffer from this condition; it is particularly common in people over 55 years of age and is closely related to hearing loss. Many people worry that tinnitus is a sign that they are going deaf or another serious medical problem, but this is rare. Most tinnitus is subjective, meaning that only you can hear the noise. But sometimes it's objective, which means someone else can hear it too. For example, if you have a noise in your heart, you can hear the whistling sound with each heartbeat. Your doctor can also hear this sound through a stethoscope. Some people hear their heartbeat inside the ear - a phenomenon called throbbing tinnitus. This is most likely to occur in older adults because blood flow tends to be more turbulent in arteries whose walls have frozen with age. Pulsing tinnitus can be more noticeable at night when you are lying in bed and there are fewer external sounds to mask tinnitus. If you notice any new throbbing tinnitus, you should consult your doctor because in rare cases it is a sign of a tumor or damage to blood vessels. The course of chronic tinnitus is unpredictable. Sometimes the symptoms remain the same and sometimes they get worse. In about 10% of cases, the condition interferes with daily life so much that professional help is needed. Although there is no cure for chronic tinnitus, it often becomes less noticeable and more manageable over time. You can help relieve symptoms by teaching yourself about the condition - for example, by realizing that it is not dangerous. There are also several ways to help adjust noise and minimize its impact. Sound waves pass through the ear canal to the middle and inner ear, where hair cells in the part of the cochlea help transform sound waves into electrical signals, which then pass into the auditory cortex through the auditory nerve. When hair cells are damaged - by loud noise or ototoxic drugs, for example - the circuits in the brain do not receive the signals they expect. This stimulates abnormal activity in neurons, leading to the illusion of sound, or tinnitus. What is going on? Most people who seek medical help for tinnitus experience it as a subjective, constant sound like constant tinnitus or buzzing sound in the ear, and most of them have some degree of hearing loss. Things that cause hearing loss (and tinnitus) include loud noise, medications that damage nerves in the ear (ototoxic drugs), the effect of the ear, middle ear problems (e.g. infections and vascular tumors), and aging. Tinnitus can also be a symptom of Meniere's disease, a disorder of balance in the inner ear. Tinnitus can occur anywhere along the auditory pathway, from the outer ear through the middle and inner ear to the auditory cortex of the brain, where it, believed to be encoded (in a sense, imprinted). One of the most common causes of tinnitus is damage to hair cells in the cochlea (see hearing pathways and tinnitus). These cells help sound waves in nerve signals. If the auditory pathways or circuits in the brain don't get the signals they expect from the cochlea, the brain actually involves profiting on these pathways in an attempt to detect the signal - in much the same way that you turn on the volume on the car radio when you're trying to find a station signal. As a result, electrical noise takes the form of tinnitus - a sound that is high if hearing loss is in the high-frequency range and low-frequency if it is in a low-frequency range. This type of tinnitus resembles the phantom pain of the limbs in the amputee - the brain produces abnormal nerve signals to compensate for the missing input. Most tinnitus is sensory, meaning that it is associated with hearing loss at the level of the cochlea or cochlear nerve. But tinnitus can occur elsewhere. Our bodies usually produce sounds (somatic sounds) that we don't usually notice because we listen to external sounds. Anything that blocks normal hearing can bring somatic sounds to our attention. For example, you can get a head noise when the ear adum blocks the outer ear. Aspirin and other non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs including ibuprofen (Motrin) and naproxen (Aleve, Naprosyn) Some antibiotics, including ciprofloxacin (Cipro), doxycycline (Vibramicin, others), gentamicin (Garamicin), erythromycin (Eri-Tab, others), tetracycline (Sumycin), tobramycin (Nebcin), and vancomycin (Vancocin) antimalarial drugs such as chloroquine including carbamazepine (Tegretol, others) and valproic acid (Depakot, others) Some cancer drugs, including cisplatin (platinum) and vincoc (Vincasar) loop diuretics (with intravenous high doses) including bumetanide (Bumex), furosemide (Lasix), and torsemide (Demadex) tricyclic antidepressants, such as amitriptyline (Elavil, others), clomipramine (Anafranil), and imipramine (Tofranil) Assess and treat major problems If you develop tinnitus, it is important to your doctor. She or he will take a medical history, give you a physical examination, and do a series of tests to try to find the source of the problem. She or he will also ask you to describe the noise you hear (including its pitch and sound quality, and whether it is constant or periodic, steady or pulsating) and the time and places in which you hear it. Your doctor will review your medical history, your current and past exposure to noise, and any medications or supplements that you take. Tinnitus can be a side effect of many medications, especially when taken at higher doses (see some drugs that can cause or worsen tinnitus). Muscle factors - jaw squeezing, tooth resurfacing, prior injury, or muscle tension in the neck - sometimes make tinnitus more noticeable, so your doctor may ask you to tighten your muscles or move or neck in a certain way to see if the sound changes. If stiff muscles are part of the problem, massage massage can help ease it. Tinnitus, which is continuous, steady and high (the most common type) usually indicates problems in the auditory system and requires auditory tests conducted by an audiologist. Pulsatile tinnitus requires a medical examination, especially if the noise is frequent or constant. MRI or CT images may be needed to check for swelling or abnormalities of blood vessels. Your overall health can affect the severity and effects of tinnitus, so it's also a good time to take stock of your diet, physical activity, sleep and stress levels - and take steps to improve them. You may also be able to reduce the effects of tinnitus by treating depression, anxiety, insomnia and pain with medication or psychotherapy. If you are often exposed to loud noises at work or at home, it is important to reduce the risk of hearing loss (or further hearing loss) with treats such as earplugs or headphones, like or specially equipped devices. Managing tinnitus In addition to treating related problems (such as depression or insomnia), there are several strategies that can help make tinnitus less bothersome. No approach works for everyone and you may need to try different combinations of techniques before finding something that works for you. If you have age-related hearing loss, hearing aids can often make tinnitus less noticeable, amplifying external sounds. There is no FDA-approved drug treatment for tinnitus, and controlled trials have not found any drug, supplement or herb to be more effective than a placebo. This includes ginkgo biloba, which is sometimes promoted for this purpose. Some patients believe that acupuncture helps, but this too has been found to be no better than a placebo. The most effective approaches are behavioral strategies and sound-generating devices, often used in combination. These include: Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT). CBT uses methods such as cognitive restructuring and relaxation to change the way patients think and respond to tinnitus. Patients usually keep a diary and do homework to help build their survival skills. Therapy is usually short-term - for example, weekly sessions for two to six months. CBT may not make the sound less loud, but it can make it considerably less bothersome and improve quality of life. Tinnitus Retraining Therapy (TRT). This method is based on the assumption that tinnitus is the result of abnormal neuronal activity (see What Happens?). The goal is to accustom the auditory system to tinnitus signals, making them less visible or less bothersome. The main components of TRT are individual counseling (to explain the auditory system as tinnitus, and how TRT can help) and sound therapy. The device is inserted into the ear to generate low-level noise and environmental sounds that correspond to the height, volume and quality of noise in the patient's ears. Depending on the severity of the symptoms, treatment can last from one to two years. When TRT was developed in Neuroscientist Dr. Pavel Yastrebov, it was designed to be administered in accordance with a strict protocol. Today, the term TRT is used to describe modified versions of this therapy, and variations make an accurate assessment of its effectiveness difficult. Individual studies reported improvement in 80% of patients with high tinnitus. Masking. Masking devices, worn as hearing aids, generate low-level white noise (high, for example), which can reduce the perception of tinnitus and sometimes produce residual braking - less noticeable tinnitus for a short time after the masker is turned off. A specialized device is not always necessary for camouflage: often, playing music or having a radio, fan, or white noise machine in the background is enough. While there is not enough evidence from randomized trials to draw any conclusions about the effectiveness of camouflage, hearing experts often recommend testing simple camouflage strategies (such as installing a radio at low volume between stations) before they turn to more expensive options. Biological feedback and stress management. Tinnitus is stressful, and stress can worsen tinnitus. Biological feedback is a relaxation method that helps control stress by altering bodily reactions. Electrodes attached to the skin feed information about physiological processes, such as pulse, skin temperature and muscle tension, into a computer that displays the output on the monitor. Patients learn to change these processes and reduce the stress response of the body by changing their thoughts and feelings. Mindful-based stress reduction methods can also help. Not all insurance companies cover tinnitus treatment in the same way, so be sure to check your coverage. If you are willing to take part in the study, you can get advanced treatment for free. (For more information, go www.clinicaltrials.gov, and type in the search term for tinnitus.) Picture: Casarsa, Guru/Getty images Disclaimer: As a service to our readers, Harvard Health Publishing provides access to our archived content library. 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