

Tinnitus Case History Questionnaire (TCHQ)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Date of birth: _____

Instructions: Place an "X" next to the correct item that best matches your symptoms or write an answer to the specific questions.

1. Age: _____

2. Gender

Male Female

3. Handedness

right left both sides

4. Is there a family history of tinnitus complaints?

YES **NO If YES:** parents siblings children

5. Initial onset: When did you first experience your tinnitus? _____

6. How did you perceive the beginning?

gradual abrupt

7. Do you know what caused the initial onset?

loud blast of sound whiplash change in hearing stress head trauma
 other: _____ I don't know

8. Does your tinnitus seem to **PULSATE**?

YES with heart beat YES, different from heart beat NO

9. Where do you perceive your tinnitus?

right ear left ear both ears, worse in left both ears, worse in right
 both ears, equally inside the head elsewhere

10. How does your tinnitus manifest itself over time?

intermittent constant

11. Does the **LOUDNESS** of the tinnitus vary from day to day?

YES NO

12. Describe the **LOUDNESS** of your tinnitus using a scale from 1 (very faint) to 100 (very loud): _____

13. Please describe, **IN YOUR OWN WORDS**, what your tinnitus usually sounds like. Examples include: hissing, ringing, pulsing, buzzing, roaring, rushing, typewriter, whistling, whooshing.

Hearing
Systems

SIEMENS

14. Does your tinnitus sound more like a tone or more like noise?

- tone noise crickets other

15. Please describe the **PITCH** frequency:

- very high high medium low

16. What percent of your total awake time, over the last month, have you been aware of your tinnitus? _____%

17. What percent of your total awake time, over the last month, have you been annoyed, distressed, or irritated of your tinnitus? _____%

18. How many different treatments have you undergone because of your tinnitus?

- none one several many

19. Is your tinnitus reduced by music or by certain types of environmental sounds, such as the noise of a waterfall or running water when you are standing in the shower?

- YES NO I don't know

20. Does the presence of loud noise make your tinnitus worse?

- YES NO I don't know

21. Does any head and neck movement (e.g. moving the jaw forward or clenching the teeth) or touching of your arms/hands or head affect your tinnitus?

- YES NO

22. How does a nap during the day affect your tinnitus?

- worsens it reduces it has no effect

23. Is there any relationship between sleep at night and your tinnitus during the day?

- YES NO I don't know

24. How does stress influence your tinnitus?

- worsens it reduces it has no effect

25. Does medication have an effect on your tinnitus?

- YES NO If **YES**, list medication with effect / details: _____

26. Do you think you have a hearing problem?

- YES NO

27. Do you wear hearing aids?

- right left both NO

28. Do you have a problem tolerating sounds that other people around you find comfortable but you find them to be too loud?

- never rarely sometimes usually always

29. Do sounds cause you pain or physical discomfort?

- YES NO I don't know

30. Do you suffer from headaches?

- YES NO

31. Do you suffer from vertigo or dizziness?

- YES NO

32. Do you suffer from temporomandibular disorder?

- YES NO

33. Do you suffer from neck pain?

- YES NO

34. Do you suffer from other pain syndromes?

- YES NO

35. Are you currently under treatment for psychiatric problems?

- YES NO