



TINNITUS TRIAGE GUIDELINES

**Refer to Audiologist
(non-urgent referral)**



**Tinnitus plus ALL
of the following**

- Symptoms suggest Neural origin of Tinnitus (ie does not Pulse with heartbeat)
- No ear pain, drainage Or malodor
- No vestibular symptoms (ie no dizziness/vertigo)
- No unexplained sudden Hearing loss or facial Palsy

**Refer to ENT
(urgency can vary)**



**Tinnitus plus ANY
of the following**

- Symptoms suggest somatic origin of tinnitus (ie tinnitus that pulses with heartbeat)
- Ear pain, drainage, or malodor
- Vestibular symptoms (ie dizziness/vertigo)

**Refer to Emergency
Care or ENT**



**Tinnitus plus ANY
of the following**

- Physical trauma
- Facial palsy
- Sudden unexplained hearing loss (needs to be seen ASAP for Consideration of steroid treatment)

**Refer to Mental Health
or Emergency Care**



**Tinnitus plus ANY
of the following**

- Suicidal ideation
- Obvious mental health problems

Contact Duncan Hearing Healthcare at 508-674-3334

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