

# Cochlear Implant Failure

- Children with bilateral vestibular impairment were 8 times more likely to have CI failure
  - Likely linked to increase in falls due to balance deficit

**TABLE 3.** *Vestibular end-organ test results*

Test	Patients Without CI Failure (n = 165)	Patients With CI Failure (n = 22)	$\chi^2$	Odds Ratio (95% CI)
	No. (%)	No. (%)	P Value	
Horizontal semicircular canal				
Abnormal caloric stimulation test	78 (47.3)	18 (81.8)	0.004	4.2 (1.4–13.0)
Bilateral areflexia	29 (17.6)	14 (63.6)	<0.0001	8.2 (3.1–21.4)
Abnormal video head impulse testing/high-frequency rotational chair response	57 (34.5)	16 (72.7)	0.001	5.7 (2.1–15.9)
Saccular function				
Abnormal VEMP	76 (46.1)	18 (81.8)	0.003	5.3 (1.7–16.2)
Bilaterally abnormal VEMP	32 (19.4)	11 (50.0)	0.001	4.2 (1.6–10.4)

# Pediatric Superior Canal Dehiscence



# Epidemiology of Dizziness and Balance Problems in Children in the United States: A Population-Based Study

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- A multistage, nationally representative, probability sample of children (n = 10,954; aged 3-17 years) was examined based on the 2012 National Health Interview Survey Child Balance Supplement.
- Prevalence of dizziness and balance problems was 5.3% (3.3 million US children).
- 36.0% of children with dizziness and balance problems were seen by healthcare professionals during the past year and 29.9% received treatment.

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# Identifying Vestibular Function in Children

- Children will rarely present to the physician with complaints of dizziness or vertigo
  - Limited communication abilities
  - Impairments are compensated for quickly
- This can lead to impairments being overlooked or dismissed.
- It is now possible to determine if functional balance deficit exists, localize the impairment and refer for intervention.

# Why does this matter?

- “Kids just compensate”
  - What is needed for compensation (in adults)
    - Strong postural muscles, good vision, stable lesion, and a normal brain
- Effects on gross motor development
- Effects on reading
- Effects on CI failure

# Dizziness Handicap for Children?



## The development of the vanderbilt pediatric dizziness handicap inventory for patient caregivers (DHI-PC)

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# DHI-P- (40 item)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

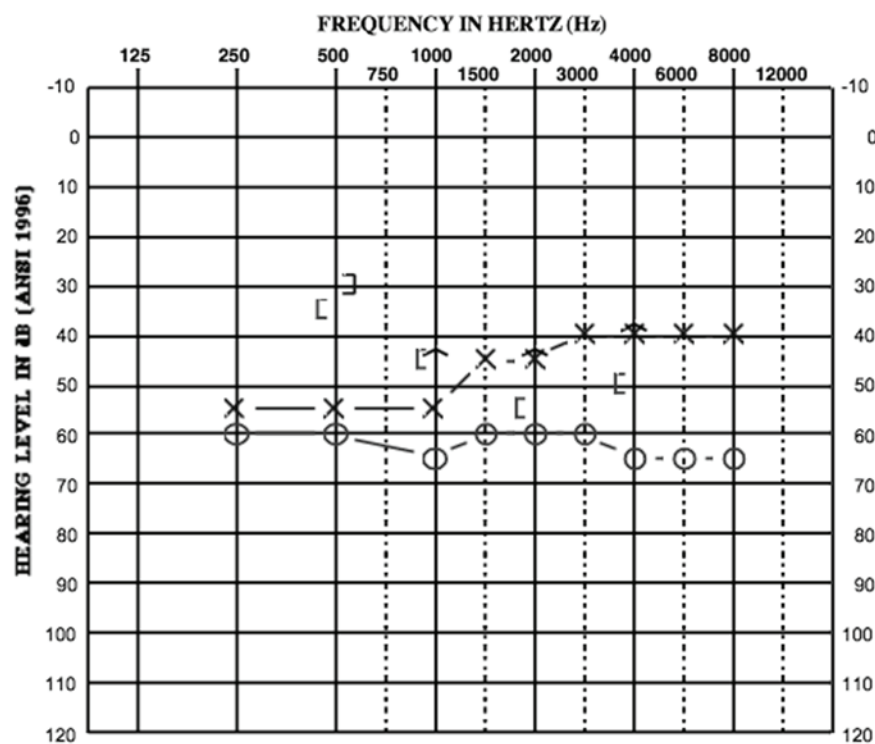
## PEDIATRIC DIZZINESS HANDICAP INVENTORY (DHI) (Age 5-12)

Instructions: The purpose of this questionnaire is to identify difficulties that your child may be experiencing because of your dizziness or unsteadiness. Please answer “yes”, “no”, or “sometimes” to each question. **Answer each question as it pertains to your child’s dizziness problem only.**

	Yes (4)	Sometimes (2)	No (0)
Does looking up increase your child’s problem?			
Does performing more ambitious activities like sports or active play, (running, jumping, etc.) increase your child’s problem?			
Do quick movements of your child’s head increase his/her problem?			
Does turning over in bed increase your child’s problem?			
Because of your child’s problem, is it difficult for him/her to walk unassisted?			
Does bending over increase your child’s problem?			
Do other people ask if there is something wrong with your child’s balance?			
Is your child’s balance unpredictable?			
Does your child use a great deal of effort to keep his/her balance?			
Is your child unable to run and move as he/she likes?			
Does your child’s problem make him/her feel tired?			



# Example of DHI-P (8 yo with EVA)



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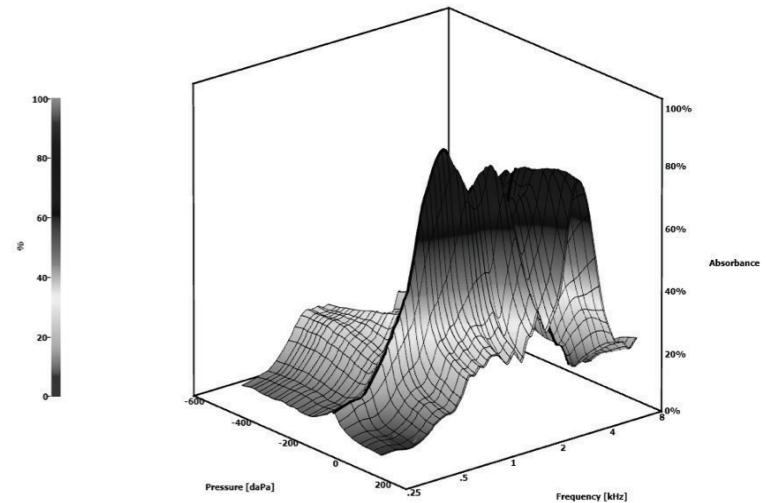
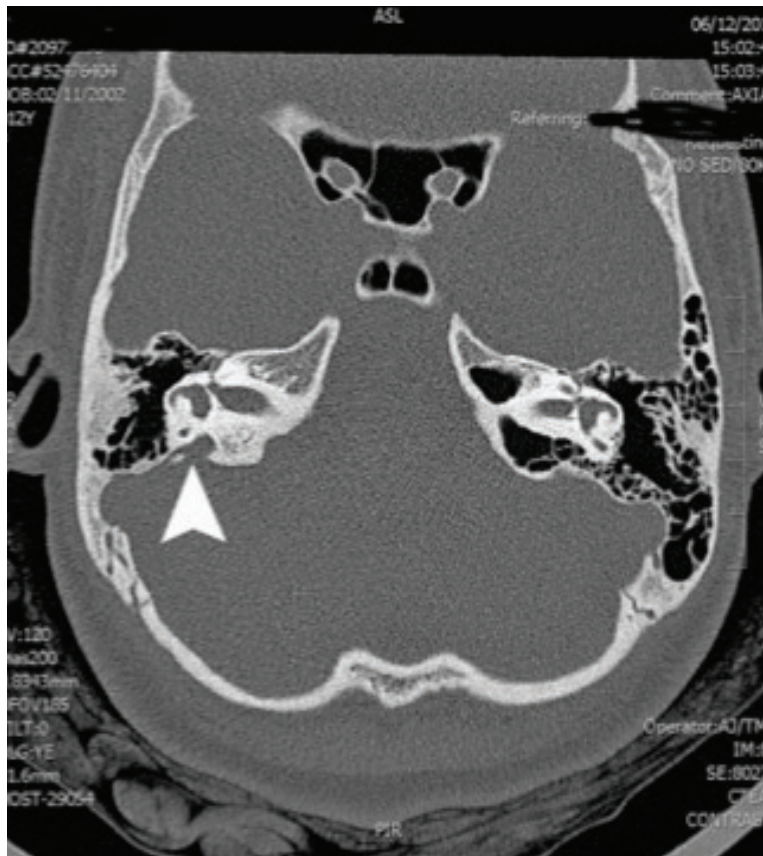
	Yes (4)	Sometimes (2)	No (0)
1. Because of your child's problem, is it difficult for him/her to walk unassisted?		2	
2. Does your child use a great deal of effort to keep his/her balance?		2	
3. Does your child's problem make him/her feel tired?			2
4. Is your child's life ruled by his/her problem?			2
5. Does your child's problem make it difficult for him/her to play?		2	
6. Because of his/her problem, does your child feel frustrated?		2	
7. Because of his/her problem, has your child been embarrassed in front of others?			2
8. Because of his/her problem, is it difficult for your child to concentrate?		2	
9. Because of his/her problem, is your child tense?		2	
10. Do other people seem irritated with your child's problem?			2
11. Do you find other people do not understand your child's problem?	2		
12. Is your child's balance unpredictable?	2		
13. Because of his/her problem, does your child worry?		2	
14. Because of his/her problem, does your child feel angry?			2
15. Because of his/her problem, does your child feel "down"?			2
16. Because of his/her problem, does your child feel unhappy?		2	
17. Because of his/her problem, does your child feel different from other children?			2
18. Does your child's problem significantly restrict his/her participation in social or educational activities, such as going to dinner, meeting with friends, field trips, or to parties?		2	
19. Because of your child's problem, is it difficult for him/her to walk around the house in the dark?		2	
20. Because of his/her problem, does your child have difficulty walking up stairs?			2
21. Because of his/her problem, does your child have difficulty walking one or two blocks?			2
22. Because of his/her problem, does your child have difficulty riding a bike or scooter?			2
23. Because of his/her problem, does your child have difficulty reading or doing schoolwork?		2	
24. Does your child's problem make it difficult to successfully do activities that others his/her age can do?		2	
25. Because of his/her problem, does your child have trouble concentrating at school?		2	
Version 2	TOTAL SCORE		

Score 34



# Audio-vestibular Findings in EVA

## (8 yo with EVA)



Stone & McCaslin, *ENT and Audiology News*, 2015

# EVA and Dizziness

P	Age	Side of EVA	Size of EVA (mm)	DHI-P	Hearing	vHIT	oVEMP	cVEMP	Vibration	Caloric	Rotary Chair	Power Reflectance Peak
1	12	Right	R: 7.1	52	R: ✗ L: ✓	R: ✓ L: ✓	R: ✗ L: ✓	R: ✗ L: ✓	R: ✗ L: ✓	R: ✗ L: ✓ 72% UW	✓	R: ✗ L: ✓
2	8	Bilateral	R: 4.0 L: 3.2	34	R: ✗ L: ✗	R: ✓ L: ✓	R: ✓ L: ✓	R: ✓ L: ✓	R: ✓ L: ✓	R: ✓ L: ✓	✓	R: ✗ L: ✗
3	8	Left	L: 4.0	0	R: ✓ L: ✗	R: ✓ L: ✓	R: ✓ L: ✓	R: ✓ L: ✓	R: ✓ L: ✓	R: ✓ L: ✗ 30%UW	✓	R: ✓ L: ✗
4	6	Bilateral	N/A	0	R: ✗ L: ✗	R: ✗ L: ✗ Anterior canals only	R: ✗ L: ✓	R: ✓ L: ✓	R: ✓ L: ✓	R: ✓ L: ✓	✓	R: ✓ L: ✓
5	9	Left	N/A	6	R: ✓ L: ✗	R: ✓ L: ✓	R: ✗ L: ✗	R: ✓ L: ✓	N/A	R: ✓ L: ✓	✓	R: ✗ L: ✗

*Stone and McCaslin, 2014.*

# EVA and Hearing Loss

- Pearson Correlations

- 500 Hz ABG and fundus width ( $r = .105$ ,  $p > 0.391$ )
- 500 Hz ABG and midpoint width ( $r = .396^{**}$ ,  $p = .001$ )
- 500 Hz ABG and porous width ( $r = .466^{**}$ ,  $p < .001$ ).  
Strongest correlation
- 1000 Hz ABG and fundus width ( $r = .035$ ,  $p = .778$ )
- 1000 Hz ABG and midpoint width ( $r = .276^*$ ,  $p = .022$ )
- 1000 Hz ABG and porous width ( $r = .361^{**}$ ,  $p = .002$ )  
Strongest correlation

# The Questionnaire for Dizziness, Eye, and Balance (Q-DEB) Function for Children and Adolescents

- Currently, no screening device exists to identify infants, children, and adolescents at risk for vestibular related impairments
- The purpose of this study is to develop a questionnaire to be used for screening vestibular related problems in children from 1-21 years of age.



*Christy, Rine, and McCaslin, APTA 2017*

# Additional Questionnaires

- The Pediatric Vestibular Symptom Questionnaire: A Validation Study (Pavlou et al., 2016).

Table I. The PVSQ				
The following questions ask about how often you feel dizziness and unsteadiness. Please circle the best answer for you. How often in the past month have you felt the following?				
1. A feeling that things are spinning or moving around	3	2	3	4 ?
Most of the time	Sometimes	Almost never	Never	Don't know
2. Unsteadiness so bad that you actually fall	3	2	3	4 ?
Most of the time	Sometimes	Almost never	Never	Don't know
3. Feeling sick	3	2	3	4 ?
Most of the time	Sometimes	Almost never	Never	Don't know
4. A light-headed or swimmy feeling in the head	3	2	3	4 ?
Most of the time	Sometimes	Almost never	Never	Don't know
5. Feeling of pressure in the ear(s)	3	2	3	4 ?
Most of the time	Sometimes	Almost never	Never	Don't know
6. Blurry vision, difficulty seeing things clearly, and/or spots before the eyes	3	2	3	4 ?
Most of the time	Sometimes	Almost never	Never	Don't know
7. Headache or feeling of pressure in the head	3	2	3	4 ?
Most of the time	Sometimes	Almost never	Never	Don't know
8. Unable to stand or walk without holding on to something or someone	3	2	3	4 ?
Most of the time	Sometimes	Almost never	Never	Don't know
9. Feeling unsteady, about to lose balance	3	2	3	4 ?
Most of the time	Sometimes	Almost never	Never	Don't know
10. A fuzzy or cotton wool feeling in the head	3	2	3	4 ?
Most of the time	Sometimes	Almost never	Never	Don't know
11. Do any of these symptoms stop you doing what you want to do?	If yes, which ones? .....			

# Pediatric Materials





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# Role of the Audiologist

- In pediatric patients be sure to ask the parent or caregiver about concerns with dizziness or balance.
- Questionnaires
  - pDHI
  - PVSQ
  - Q-DEB

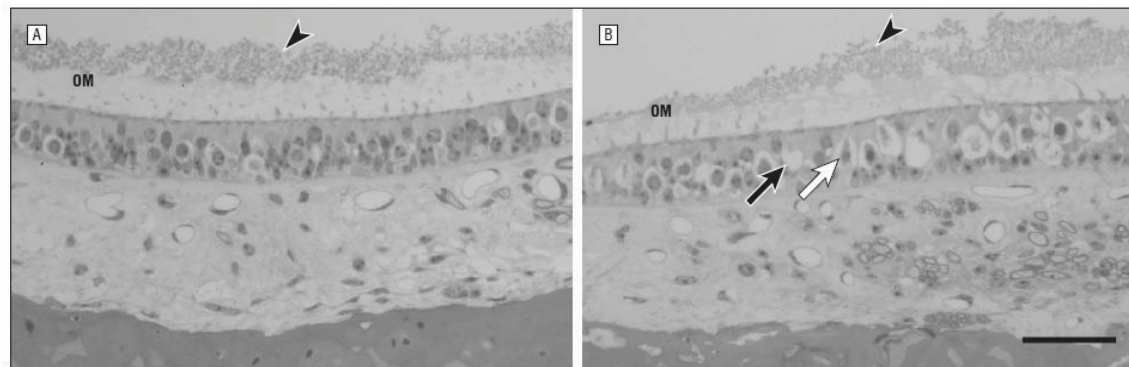
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# Physiological and Morphological Assessment of the Sacculle in Guinea Pigs After Noise Exposure

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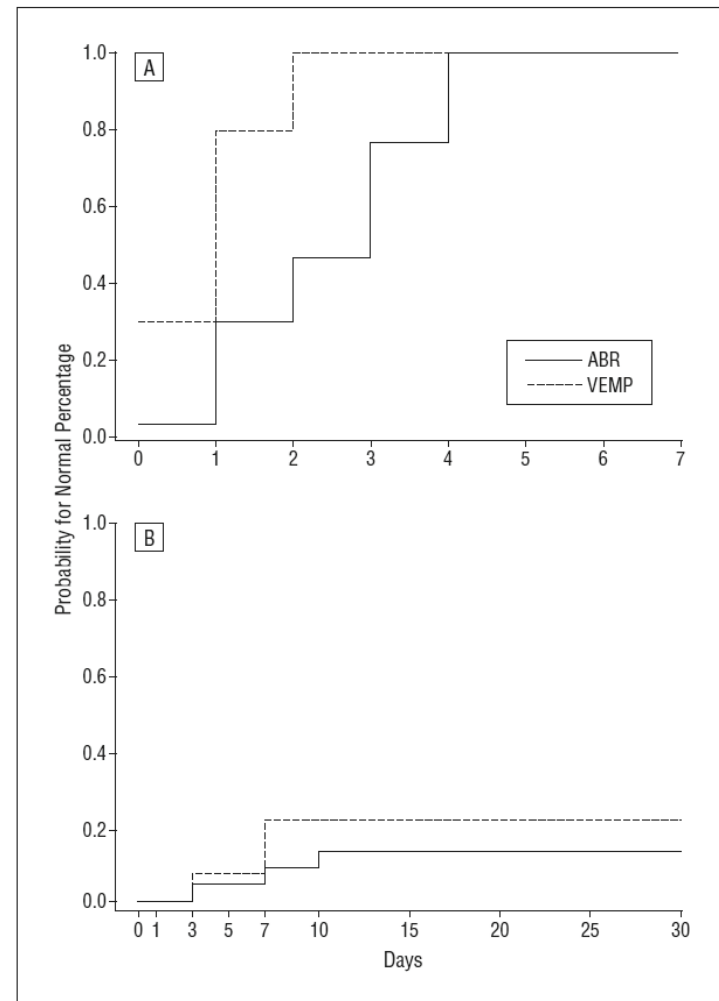
- Group reported that noise exposure results in a loss of VEMPs in guinea pigs.
- Used both light and electron microscopy to confirm the loss of VEMPs after noise exposure was related to saccular impairment.



**Figure 5.** Light microscopic photomicrographs of the sacculle. A, Guinea pig with normal vestibular-evoked myogenic potentials (VEMPs) 1 week after short-term noise exposure. B, Guinea pig with absent VEMPs 1 month after long-term noise exposure. Note that the loss (black arrow) and disruption (white arrow) of hair cells in the saccular macula are only found in panel B but not in panel A. Otoconia (arrowheads) are normal in both A and B. OM indicates otolith membrane. (Toluidine blue stain, scale bar=200  $\mu$ m.)

# VEMPs and Noise Induced Hearing Loss

- Figure shows recovery curves of cVEMP responses and ABR thresholds.
  - (A) short-term
  - (B) long-term



**Ten-year longitudinal study of the effect of impulse noise exposure from gunshot on inner ear function**

- A longitudinal study investigating how chronic exposure to gunshot noise can reduced cochlear and saccular function.
- Twelve subjects over 10 years were tested with both audiometry and cVEMPs.

# VEMPs and Noise Induced Hearing Loss

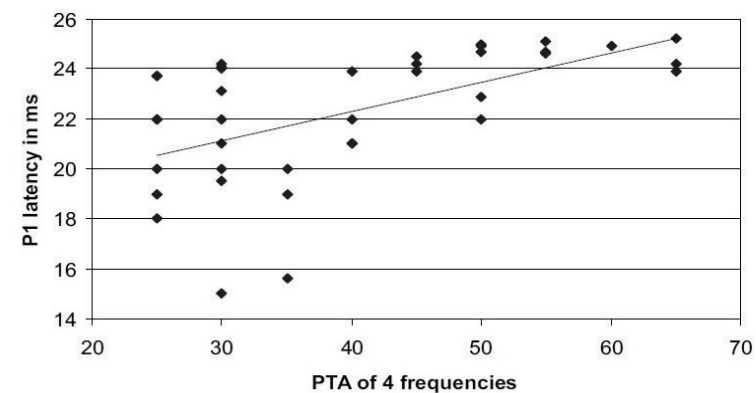
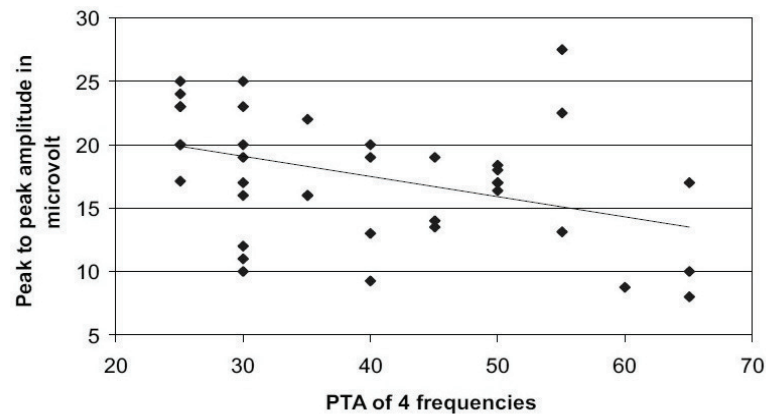
- Abnormal VEMP responses were evident in nine police officers (75%).
- The authors also concluded that a decrease in hearing may occur after long term exposure to gunfire.

# VEMPs and Noise Induced Hearing Loss

- cVEMPs were recorded in 30 subjects (55 ears) with NIHL and age range of 30-40 years.
- VEMP recordings were done at 99 dBnHL using a commercially available evoked-potential system.
- The study showed that as the average pure tone hearing threshold increased, the VEMP latencies were prolonged and peak to peak amplitude were reduced in subjects exposed to noise.



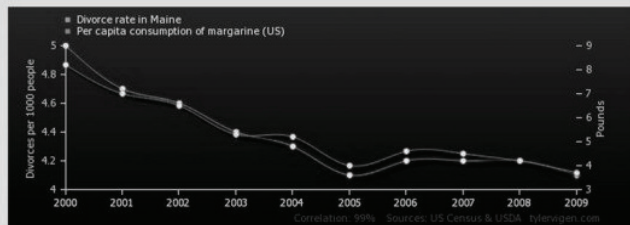
# VEMPs and Noise Induced Hearing Loss



“The Pearson correlation test indicated significant correlation between pure tone average and different VEMP parameters tested ( $r = 0.67$ ,  $P < 0.01$ ,  $r = 0.56$ ,  $P < 0.01$  and  $r = -0.40$ ,  $P < 0.01$ , respectively for P1 latency, N1 latency and peak to peak amplitude)”

# Correlations

Divorce rate in Maine  
correlates with  
Per capita consumption of margarine (US)

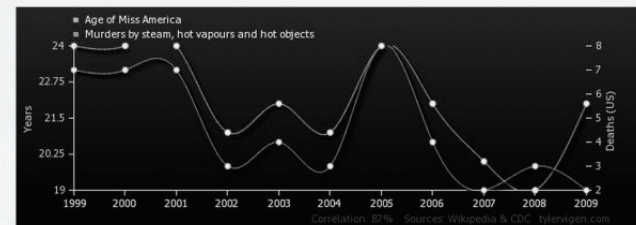


	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Divorce rate in Maine Divorces per 1000 people (US Census)	5	4.7	4.6	4.4	4.3	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.1
Per capita consumption of margarine (US) Pounds (USDA)	8.2	7	6.5	5.3	5.2	4	4.6	4.5	4.2	3.7

Correlation: 0.992558

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Age of Miss America  
correlates with  
Murders by steam, hot vapours and hot objects

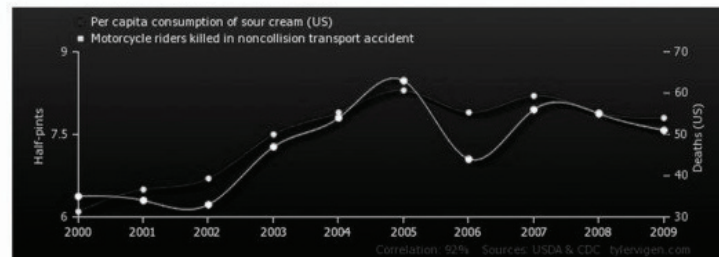


	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Age of Miss America Years (Wikipedia)	24	24	24	21	22	21	24	22	20	19	22
Murders by steam, hot vapours and hot objects Deaths (US) (CDC)	7	7	7	3	4	3	8	4	2	3	2

Correlation: 0.870127

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Per capita consumption of sour cream (US)  
correlates with  
Motorcycle riders killed in noncollision transport accident



	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Per capita consumption of sour cream (US) Half-pints (USDA)	6.1	6.5	6.7	7.5	7.9	8.3	7.9	8.2	7.9	7.8
Motorcycle riders killed in noncollision transport accident Deaths (US) (CDC)	35	34	33	47	54	63	44	56	55	51

Correlation: 0.916391

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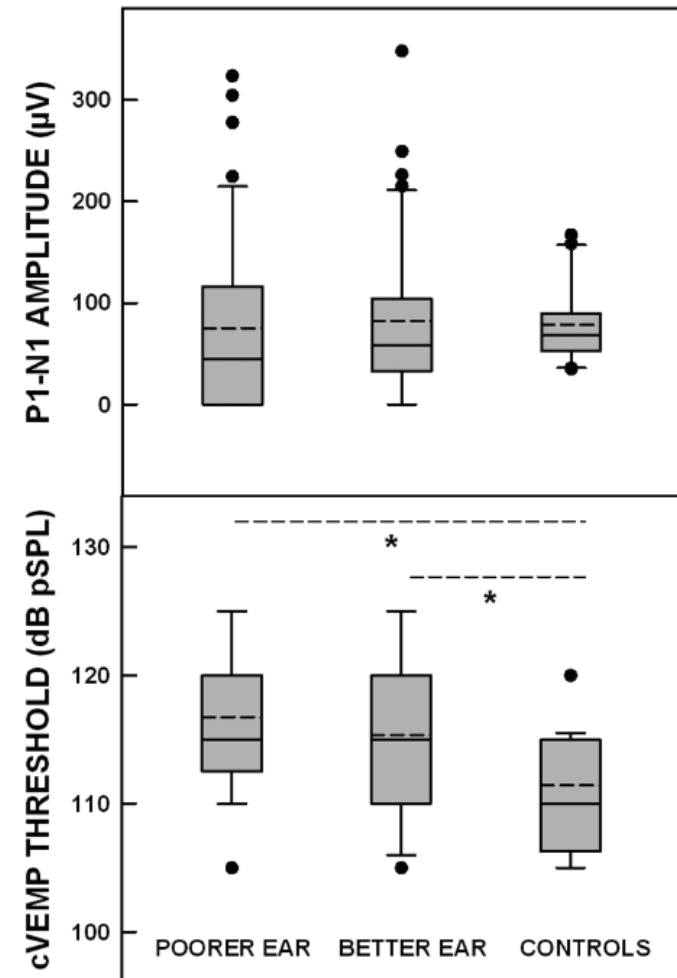
# **The Effect of Noise Exposure on the Cervical Vestibular Evoked Myogenic Potential**

Faith W. Akin,<sup>1,2</sup> Owen D. Murnane,<sup>1,2</sup> Joanna W. Tampas,<sup>1</sup> Christopher Clinard,<sup>3</sup>  
Stephanie Byrd,<sup>1</sup> and J. Kip Kelly<sup>1</sup>

- A cross-sectional observational study was employed to determine if cVEMPs in 43 individuals with a history of noise exposure greater in one ear had different responses between the two ears.
- The control group comprised 14 age-matched controls with normal-hearing sensitivity and a negative history of military or occupational noise exposure.

# Noise Exposure and the Vestibular System

- 33% percent of the noise-exposed participants had abnormal cVEMPs
- cVEMPs were present and symmetrical in 100% of the age-matched controls, and cVEMP threshold was greater in the noise-exposed group than in the control group.



# VEMPs and Noise Induced Hearing Loss

- The investigators evaluated twenty patients diagnosed as acute acoustic trauma.
- Relationships between hearing outcomes and level, sources of noise, caloric responses, and VEMP results were described.
- The authors determined that the VEMP test can predict the hearing outcome after acute acoustic trauma, with a sensitivity of 44% and a specificity of 100%.

# VEMPs and Noise Induced Hearing Loss

- The greater the intensity of the noise, the more severe the impairment to the cochlea and saccule.
- An absent or delayed VEMPs was suggested to indicated poor prognosis for improvement in hearing

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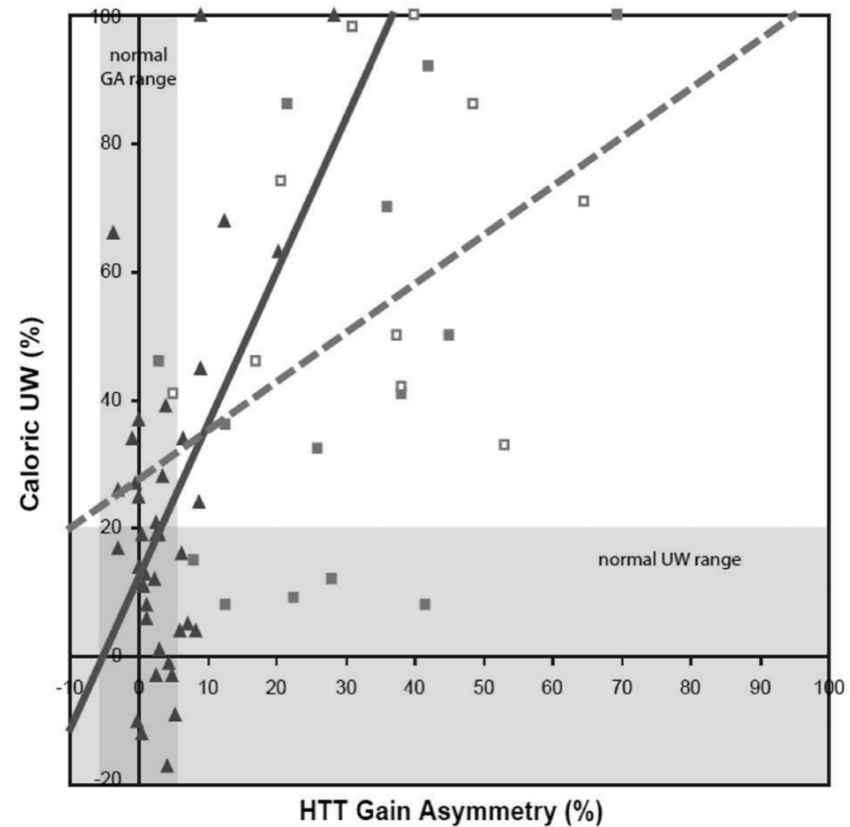
# Meniere's Disease

## **The Dissociation of Video Head Impulse Test (vHIT) and Bithermal Caloric Test Results Provide Topological Localization of Vestibular System Impairment in Patients With “Definite” Ménière's Disease**

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# HIT and Meniere's Disease

- HIT Abnormal – 29%
- Caloric Abnormal- 42%
- Both Abnormal- 18%



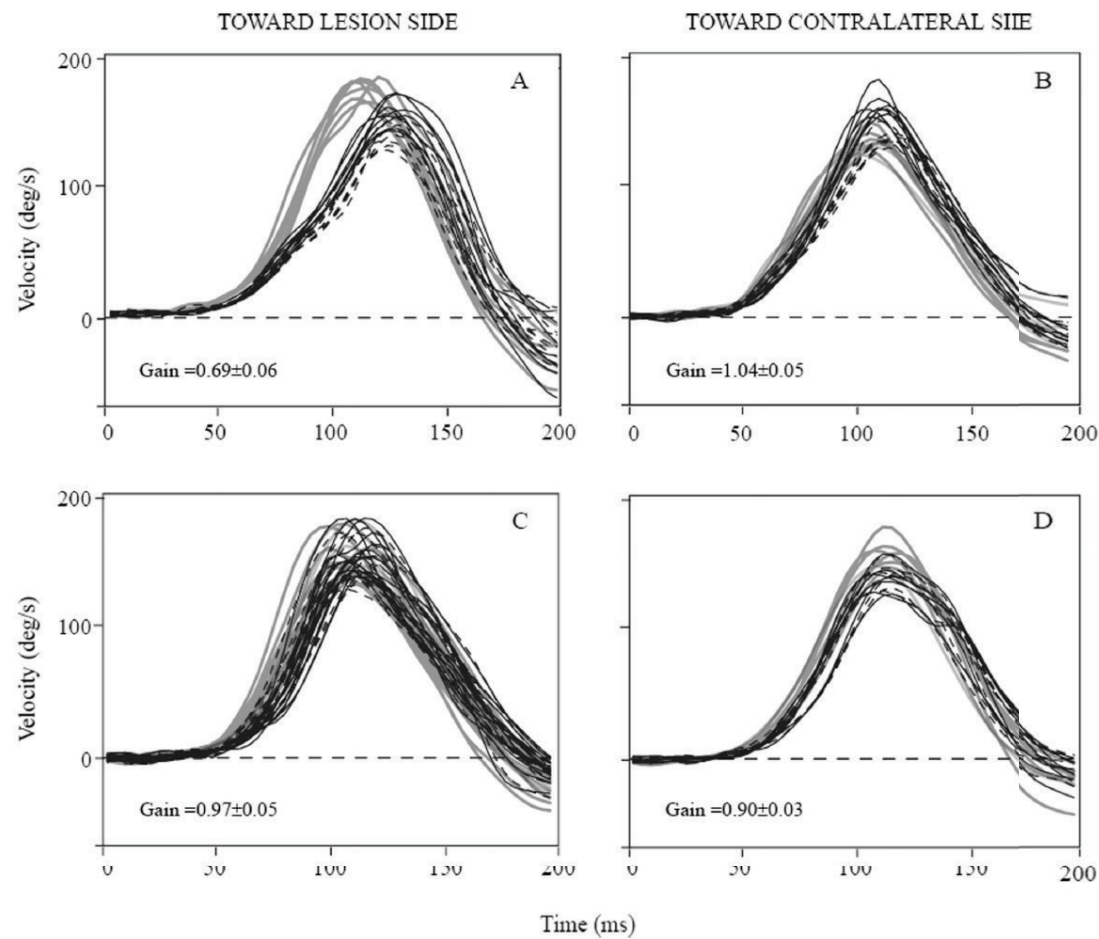
38 Patients with MD

Park et al., *Acta Oto-Laryngologica*

# HIT and Meniere's Disease

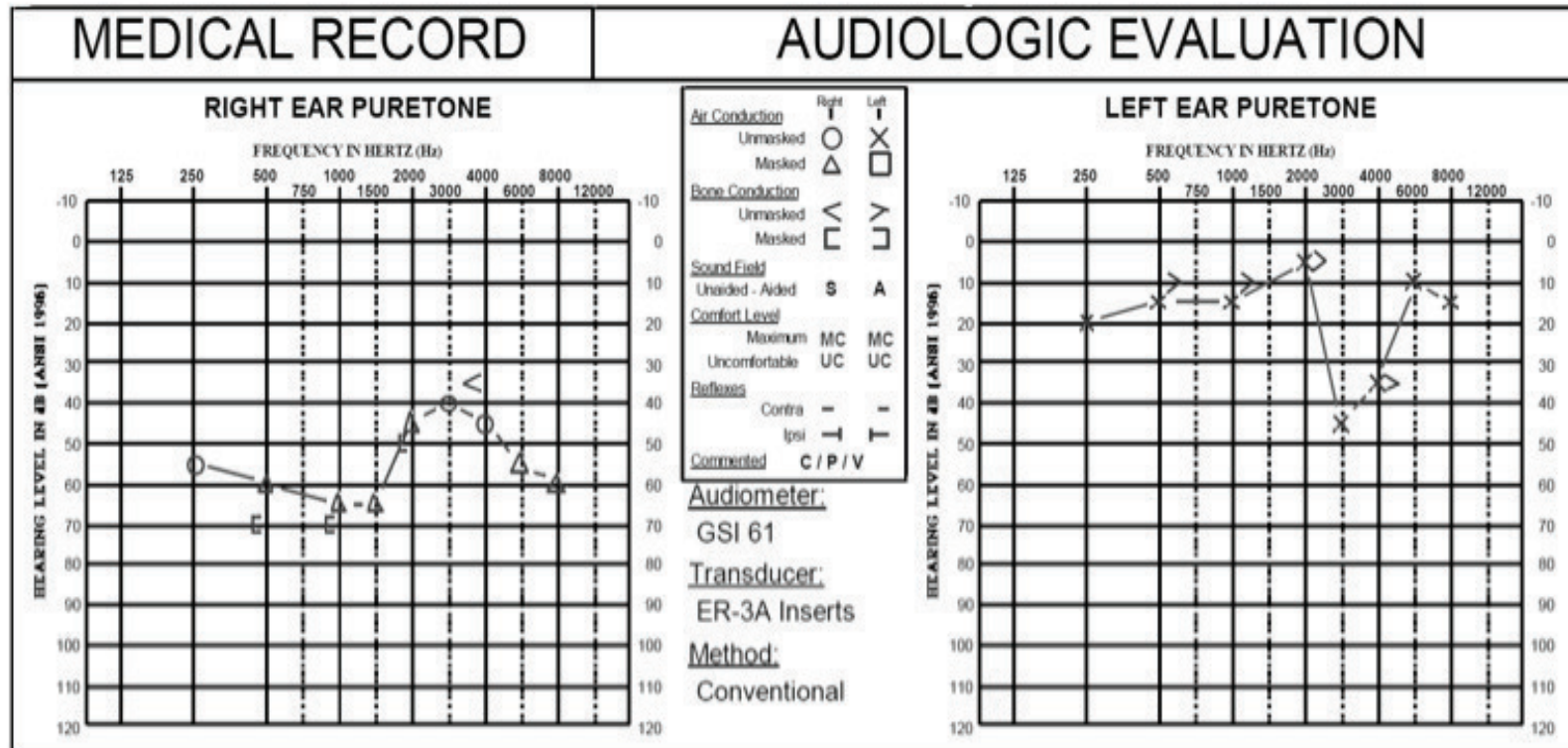
Significant Caloric UW

Normal Side

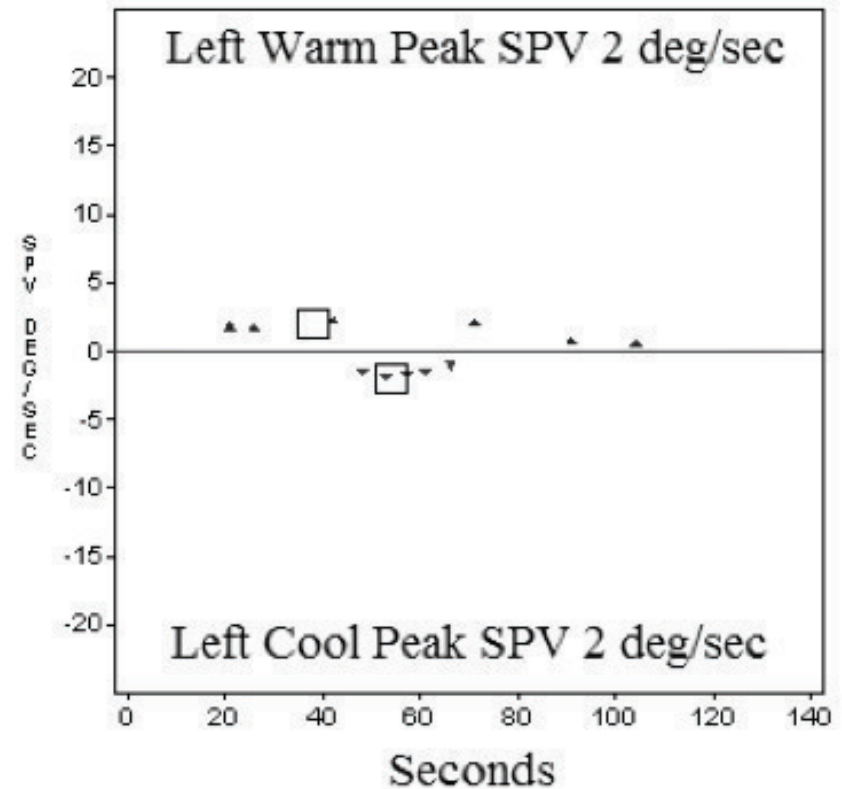
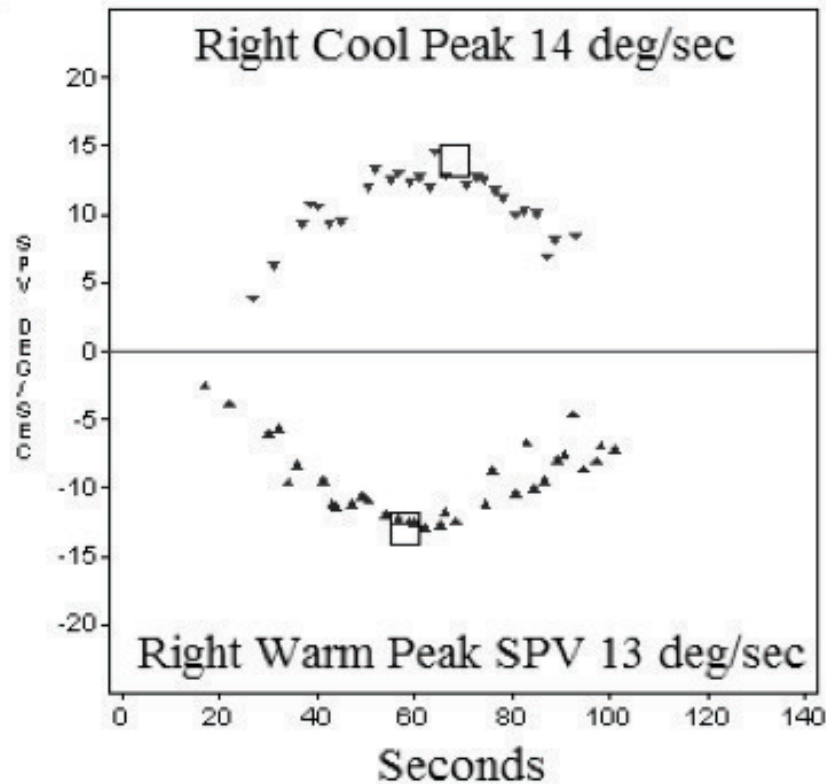


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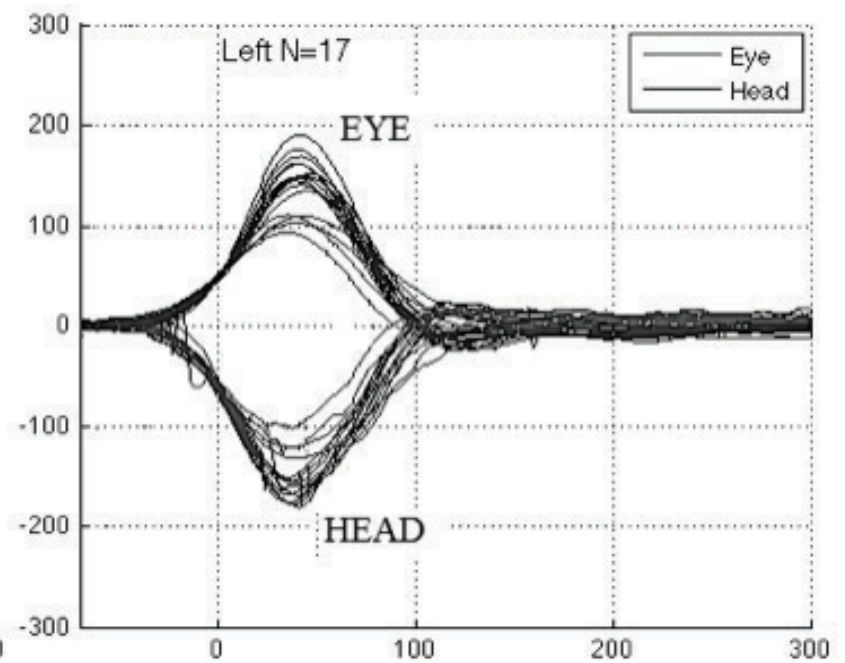
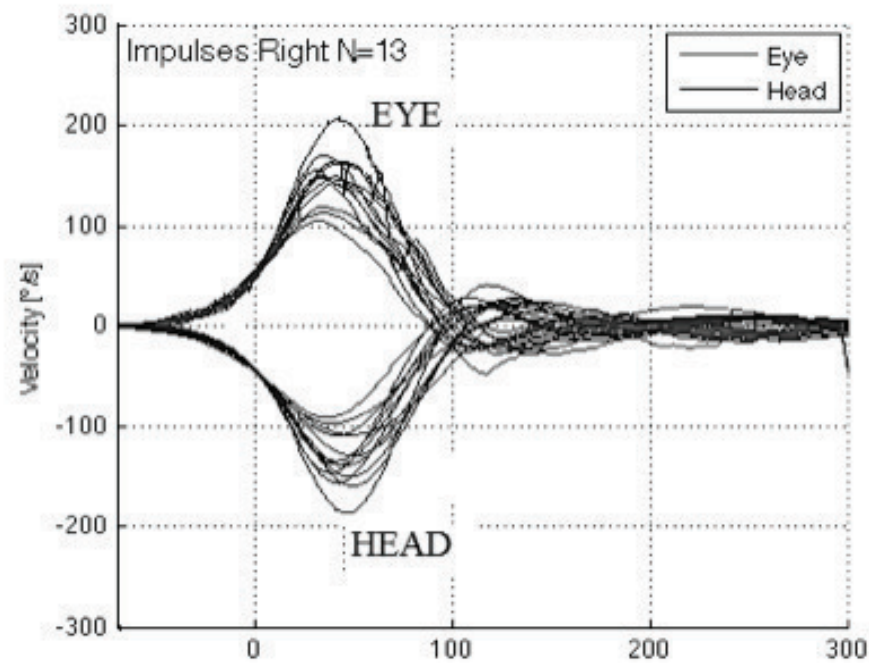
# Audiometry



# Abnormal Caloric Response

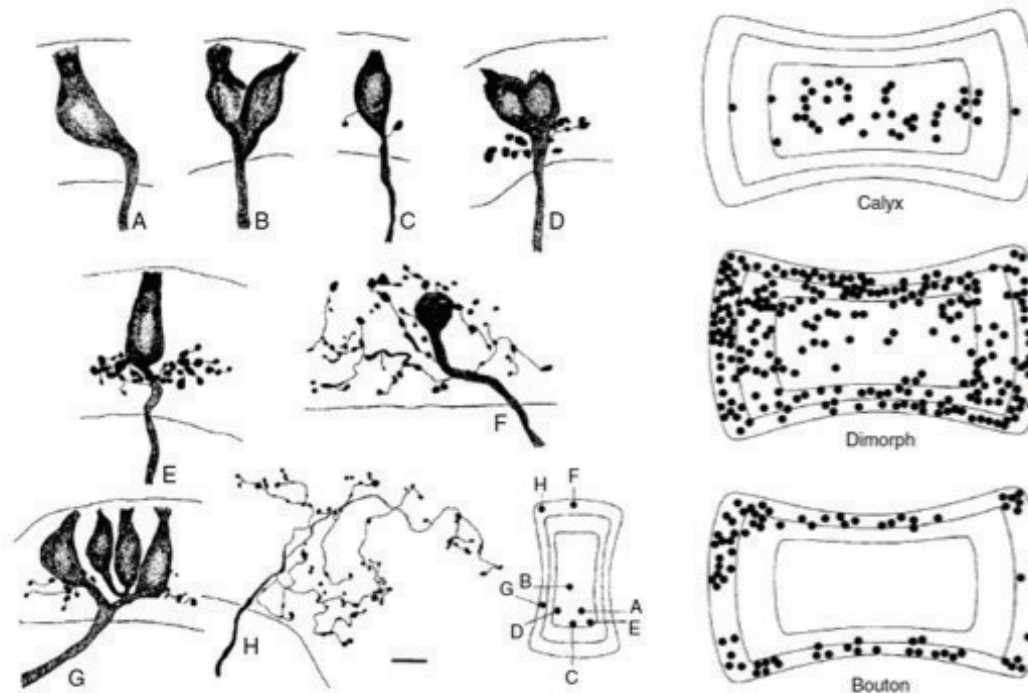


# vHIT





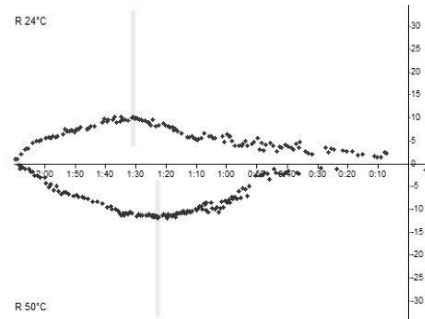
# Mechanisms



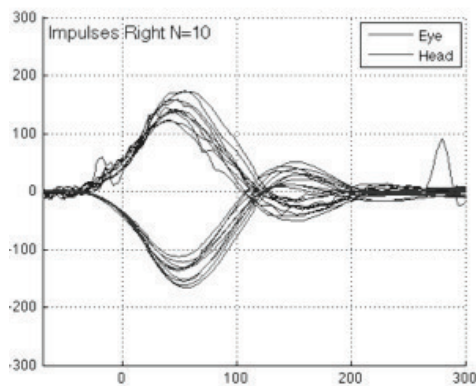
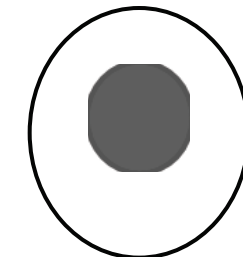
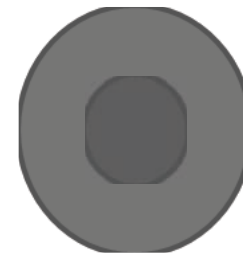
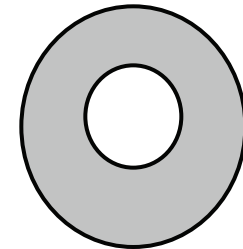
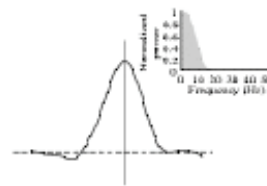
**Figure 139-11.** Morphology of mammalian vestibular afferents as revealed by horseradish peroxidase labeling of individual units in the chinchilla. **A**, Calyx fiber innervating a single type I hair cell. **B**, Calyx fiber innervating two Type I hair cells. **C** through **G**, Dimorphic fibers innervate both Type I and II hair cells. **H**, Bouton fiber. Inset: Locations of these afferents are placed on a standard map of the crista. *Right*, Three standard maps of the cristae divided into concentrically arranged central, intermediate, and peripheral zones of equal areas. Shown are the locations of calyx, dimorphic, and bouton fibers with each symbol (•) representing a single dye-filled fiber. Dimorphic units make up 70% of the population, bouton units 20%, and calyx units 10%. From Fernandez, Baird, and Goldberg.<sup>36</sup>



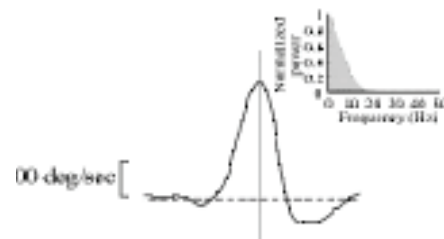
# vHIT in Meniere's Syndrome



Regular afferent



Irregular afferent



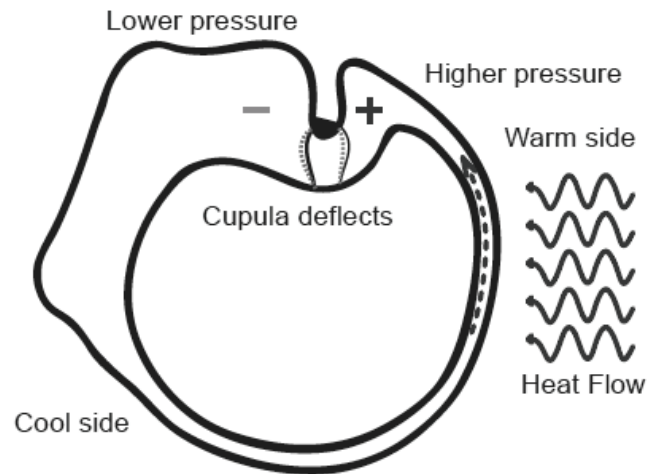
## What does the head impulse test versus caloric dissociation reveal about vestibular dysfunction in Ménière's disease?

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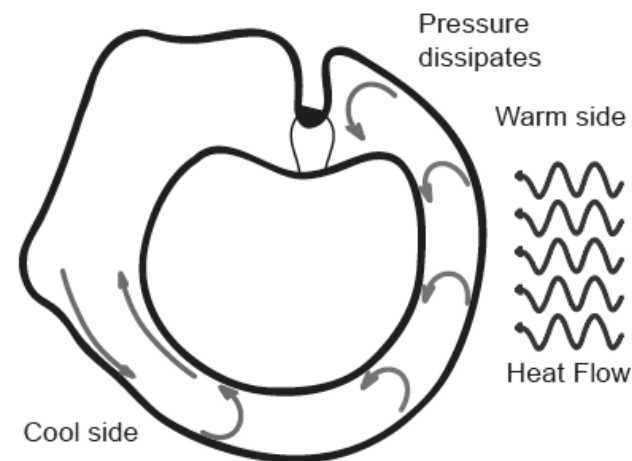
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Head impulses versus calorics in Ménière's disease



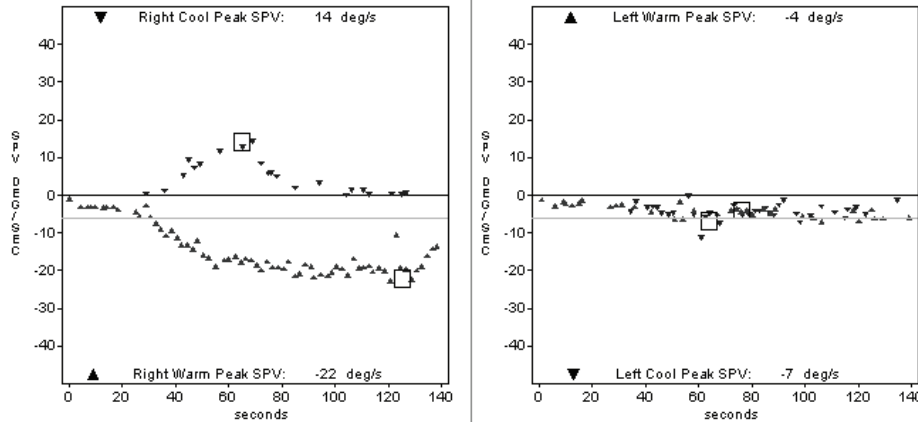
Normal Duct: No local flow, hydrostatic pressure drive retained and Cupula bent.



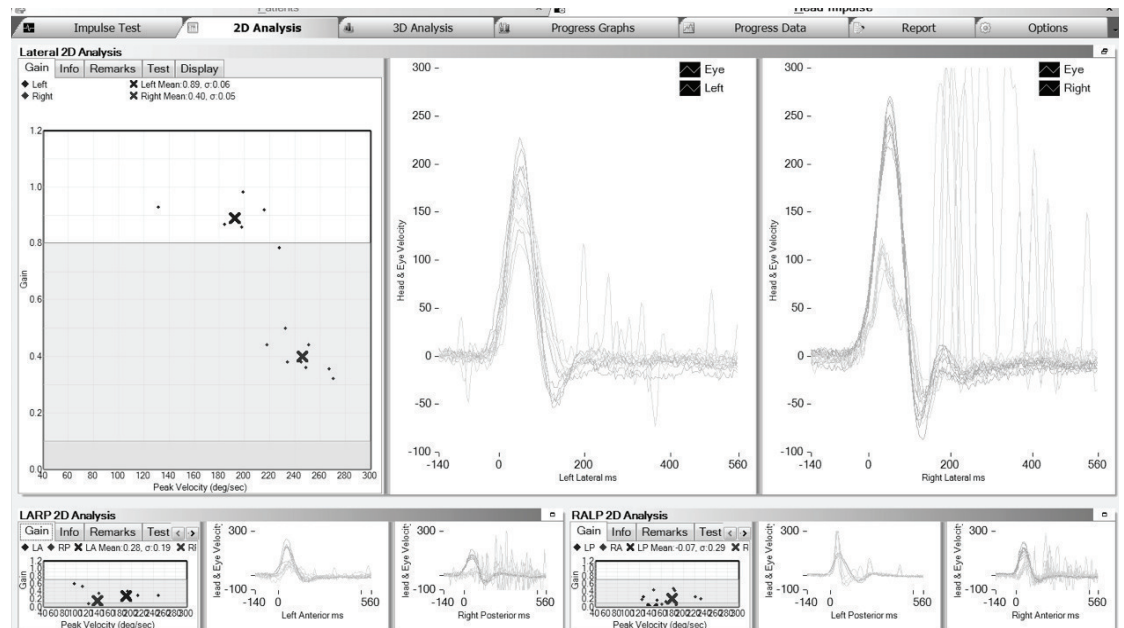
Hydropic Expansion of Duct: Local convective flow dissipates hydrostatic pressure across Cupula.

# vHIT Meniere's Patient-Expected

## Caloric examination



## vHIT examination



# Summary

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# Questions & Discussion