

HEARING LOSS (Part I)

Kids love it, young men cannot but shake at it, the car vibrating with boom box, and iPod with loads of music, computers with head phones in the ears; its loud sounds of music. Technology is not without its downsides when you do not pay attention to suggested use. There are times we have to pay direly for what we love or enjoy, unfortunately the down sides is not immediately apparent. The damage however once done is irreparable. The impact of listening to loud music brought about by the advent of devices that can play music at high levels will not be fully realized until the younger generation who are addicted to it grow a little older. Without understanding the normal process of hearing, it is somewhat difficult to fully comprehend the impact of loud and sustained noise on hearing.

Part I of this article will familiarize us with basic concepts of hearing, while the follow up topic will focus on noise induced hearing loss, you should not miss it.