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Session: Aging Co-morbidities: Intersection of Age-linked Medical Conditions and Age-related Speech and Hearing Problems

Title: The interactions between and combined effects of age-related hearing loss and dementia

The likelihood of having hearing loss and the likelihood of having dementia both increase with increasing age. As our population lives longer, we will have more adults and families coping with the combination of these conditions. This talk will consider the links between age-related hearing loss and dementia, including associations between the two in population-based research and supporting evidence for common cause and cascading hypotheses. In addition, we will discuss the communication challenges imposed by the combination of the two conditions and the current clinical evidence for diagnosis and treatment of age-related hearing loss in persons with dementia. Future directions will be explored for how we provide audiology access and hearing and communication services to this growing and vulnerable population.

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