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Meniere's Disease

Meniere's disease is a disorder of the inner ear. It can cause severe **dizziness**

[<https://medlineplus.gov/dizzinessandvertigo.html>] , a roaring sound in your ears called **tinnitus**

[<https://medlineplus.gov/tinnitus.html>] , hearing loss that comes and goes and the feeling of ear pressure or pain. It usually affects just one ear. It is a common cause of hearing loss.


Attacks of dizziness may come on suddenly or after a short period of tinnitus or muffled hearing. Some people have single attacks of dizziness once in a while. Others may have many attacks close together over several days. Some people with Meniere's disease have "drop attacks" during which the dizziness is so bad they lose their balance and fall.

Scientists don't yet know the cause. They think that it has to do with the fluid levels or the mixing of fluids in the canals of your inner ear. Doctors diagnose it based on a physical exam and your symptoms. A hearing test can check to see how it has affected your hearing.



There is no cure. Treatments include medicines to control dizziness, limiting salt in your diet, and taking water pills. A device that fits into the outer ear and delivers air pulses to the middle ear can help. Severe cases may require surgery.

NIH: National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders

Start Here

- **Meniere's Disease** [<https://familydoctor.org/condition/menieres-disease/?adfree=true>] (American Academy of Family Physicians)
Also in Spanish [<https://es.familydoctor.org/condicion/enfermedad-de-meni-ere-es/?adfree=true>]
- **Meniere's Disease** [<https://www.enthealth.org/conditions/menieres-disease/>]
(American Academy of Otolaryngology--Head and Neck Surgery)
- **Meniere's Disease** [<https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/menieres-disease/symptoms-causes/syc-20374910?p=1>] (Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research)
- **Ménière's Disease** [<https://www.nidcd.nih.gov/health/menieres-disease>]
 (National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders)
Also in Spanish [<https://www.nidcd.nih.gov/es/espanol/la-enfermedad-de-meni-ere>]



Diagnosis and Tests

- **Balance Tests** [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/balance-tests/>]  (National Library of Medicine)
Also in Spanish [<https://medlineplus.gov/spanish/pruebas-de-laboratorio/pruebas-del-equilibrio/>]
- **Videonystagmography (VNG)** [<https://medlineplus.gov/lab-tests/videonystagmography-vng/>]  (National Library of Medicine)
Also in Spanish [<https://medlineplus.gov/spanish/pruebas-de-laboratorio/videonistagmografia-vng/>]

Genetics

- **Ménière disease: MedlinePlus Genetics** [<https://medlineplus.gov/genetics/condition/meni-ere-disease>]
 (National Library of Medicine)

Clinical Trials


- ClinicalTrials.gov: Meniere Disease [<https://clinicaltrials.gov/search?cond=%22Meniere+Disease%22&aggFilters=status:not%20rec>]  (National Institutes of Health)
- ClinicalTrials.gov: Vestibular Diseases [<https://clinicaltrials.gov/search?cond=%22Vestibular+Diseases%22&aggFilters=status:not%20rec>]  (National Institutes of Health)

Journal Articles



References and abstracts from MEDLINE/PubMed (National Library of Medicine)

- Article: Recent Trends in Ménière's Disease Management in India: Results from the... [<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/40586655>]
- Article: A diagnostic model based on magnetic resonance imaging for Ménière's disease:... [<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/40439258>]
- Article: A systematic review and meta-analysis of intratympanic gentamicin for patients with... [<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/40421807>]
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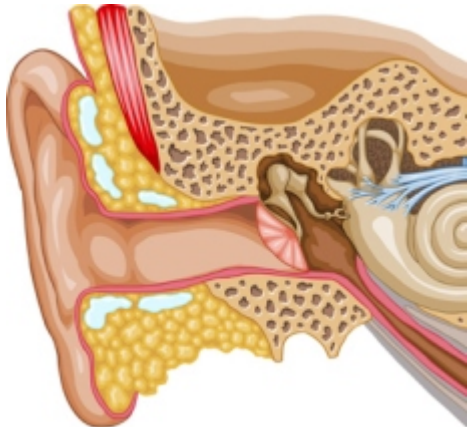
- Glossary [<https://www.nidcd.nih.gov/glossary>]  (National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders)

Find an Expert

- Directory of Organizations [<https://www.nidcd.nih.gov/directory>]  (National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders)
- Find an ENT (Ear, Nose, and Throat Specialist) [<https://www.enthealth.org/find-ent/>] (American Academy of Otolaryngology--Head and Neck Surgery)
- National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders [<https://www.nidcd.nih.gov>] 
- Support Group Directory [<https://vestibular.org/support-groups/>] (Vestibular Disorders Association)

Patient Handouts

- Ménière disease [<https://medlineplus.gov/ency/article/000702.htm>] (Medical Encyclopedia)
Also in Spanish [<https://medlineplus.gov/spanish/ency/article/000702.htm>]
- Ménière disease - self-care [<https://medlineplus.gov/ency/patientinstructions/000709.htm>] (Medical Encyclopedia)
Also in Spanish [<https://medlineplus.gov/spanish/ency/patientinstructions/000709.htm>]



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