

Tinnitus: the future

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Overview

- Unanswered questions
- Research progress

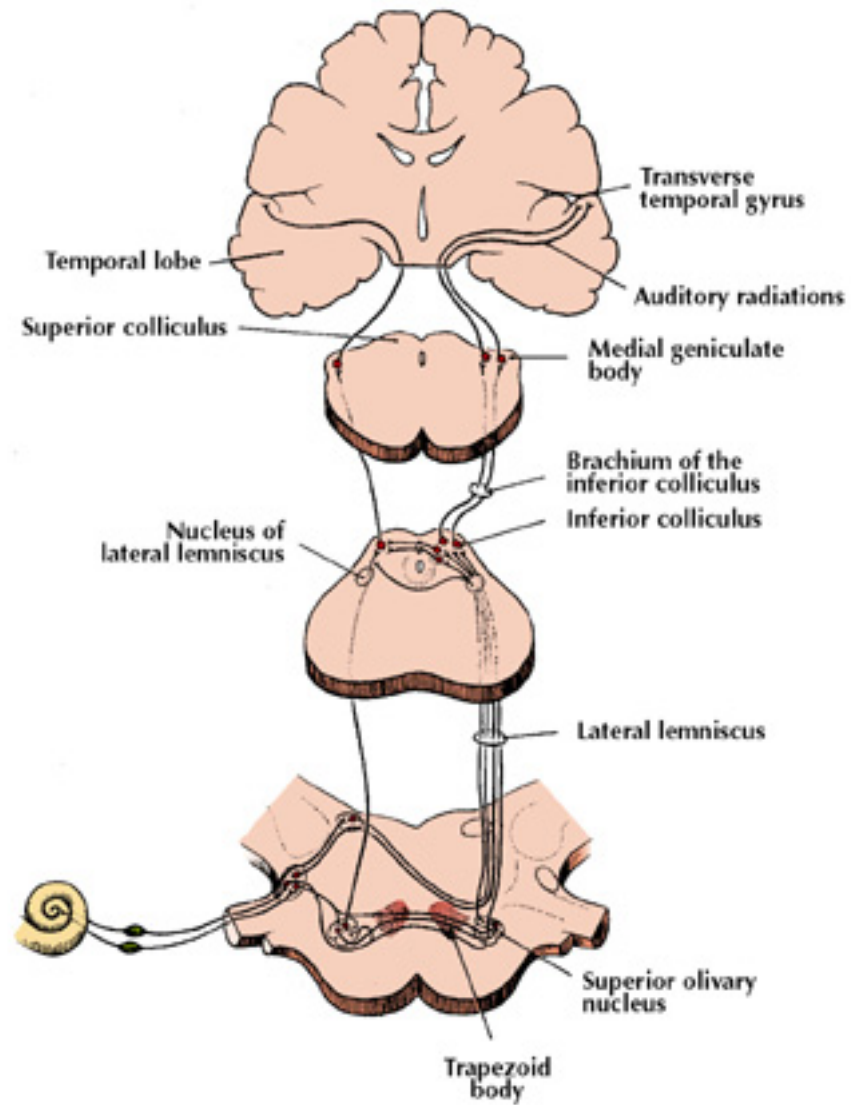
Tinnitus in childhood

- Prevalence and incidence
- Treatment pathways

Pathways

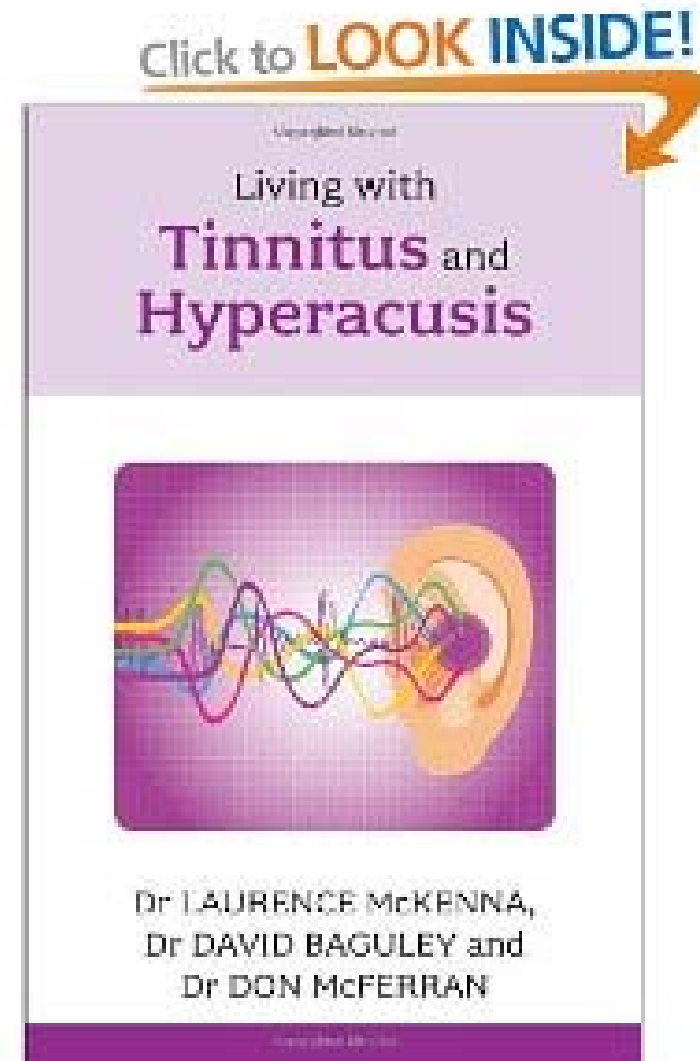
- Role of medical personnel
- Cost effective
- Triage
 - Audiology
 - psychology

Where to intervene?



Role of self help

- GP
- Leaflets
- Tinnitus support groups



Co-ordinated inter-disciplinary research

- Clinical
(audiology/otology)
- Evoked potentials
- Imaging
- Neurology
- Pharmacology
- Physiology
- Psychoacoustics
- Psychology

Inter-disciplinary research

- Virtual groups : international
- Urgent need for robust outcome measures
- Need for teaching about tinnitus on post-graduate programmes in :
 - Audiology/Otology
 - Neurology
 - Neuroscience

Models that ...

- Represent complexity
- Integrate insights from basic science, psychology and the clinic

Treatments that are....

- Effective
 - Reducing distress
 - Reducing awareness
 - Inhibitory!
- Efficiently delivered
- Straightforward

Thank you!

