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# Hearing in later life

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# IFA, Hearing Health, and the Decade of Healthy Ageing

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# Evidence is not enough for advocacy

**Clinical Review & Education**

**JAMA | US Preventive Services Task Force | RECOMMENDATION STATEMENT**  
**Screening for Hearing Loss in Older Adults**  
US Preventive Services Task Force Recommendation Statement

US Preventive Services Task Force

**IMPORTANCE** Age-related sensorineural hearing loss is a common health problem among adults. Nearly 16% of US adults 18 years or older report difficulty hearing. The prevalence of perceived hearing loss increases with age. Hearing loss can adversely affect an individual's quality of life and ability to function independently and has been associated with increased risk of falls, hospitalizations, social isolation, and cognitive decline.

**OBJECTIVE** To update its 2012 recommendation, the US Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) commissioned a systematic review on screening for hearing loss in adults 50 years or older.

**POPULATION** Asymptomatic adults 50 years or older with age-related hearing loss.

**EVIDENCE ASSESSMENT** Because of a lack of evidence, the USPSTF concludes that the benefits and harms of screening for hearing loss in asymptomatic older adults are uncertain and that the balance of benefits and harms cannot be determined. More research is needed.

**RECOMMENDATION** The USPSTF concludes that the current evidence is insufficient to assess the balance of benefits and harms of screening for hearing loss in older adults. (I statement)

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**Summary**

**Background**

Dementia and hearing loss are both highly prevalent conditions among older adults. We aimed to examine the association between hearing aid use and risk of all-cause and cause-specific dementia among middle-aged and older aged adults, and to explore roles of mediators and moderators in their association.

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A third of over fifties with hearing loss could be undiagnosed

## RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

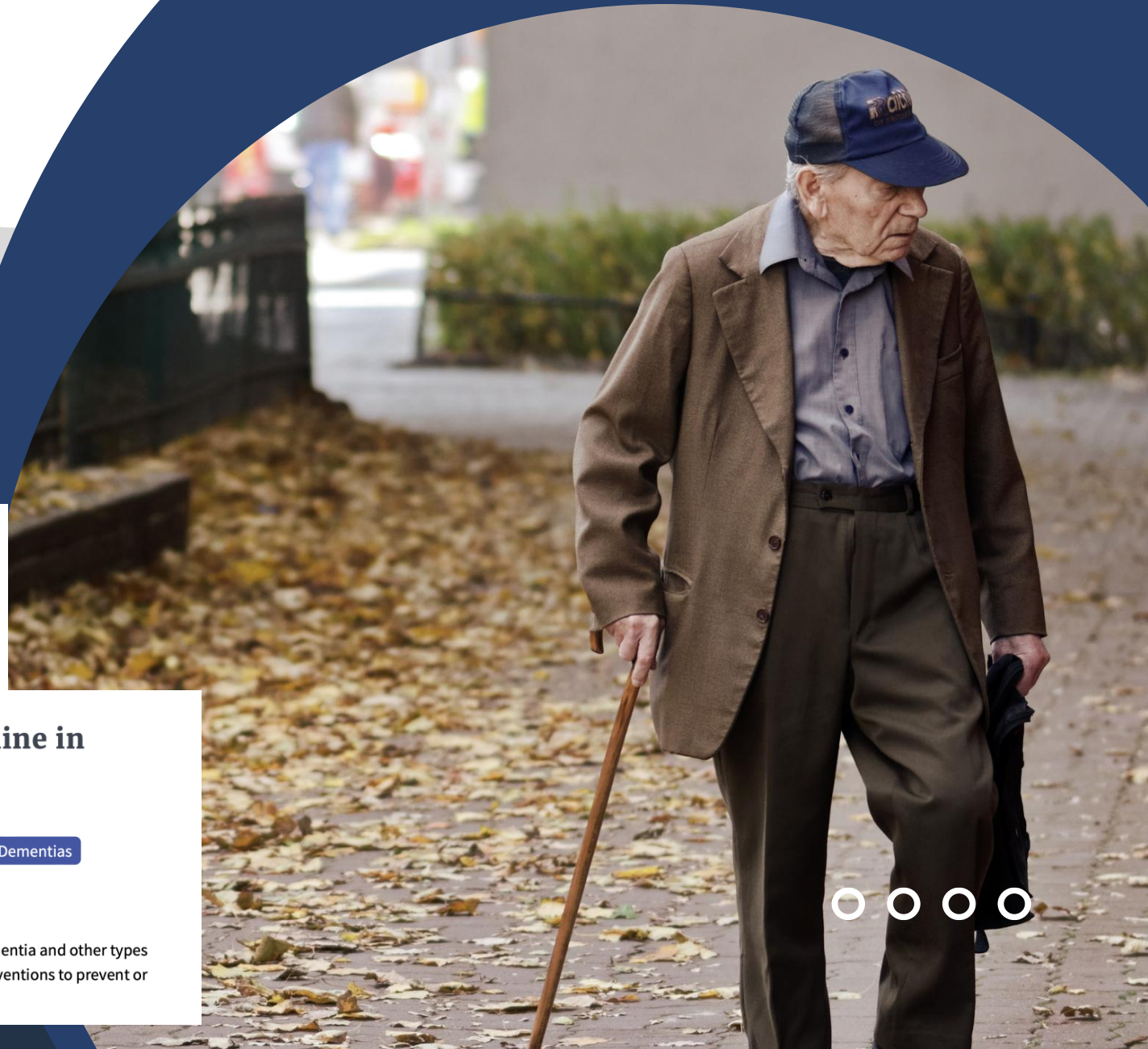
## Hearing aids slow cognitive decline in people at high risk

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As the world population ages, the number of people living with dementia and other types of cognitive impairment continues to rise. Safe and affordable interventions to prevent or slow age-related cognitive decline are greatly needed.



# Pillars of Action – Barriers to seeking hearing care



## Prevention

Prioritize hearing health throughout life as a key pillar of prevention strategies and a central component of universal health coverage.



## Access

Removing barriers to access appropriate EHC throughout life to ensure all people are protected and no one is left behind.

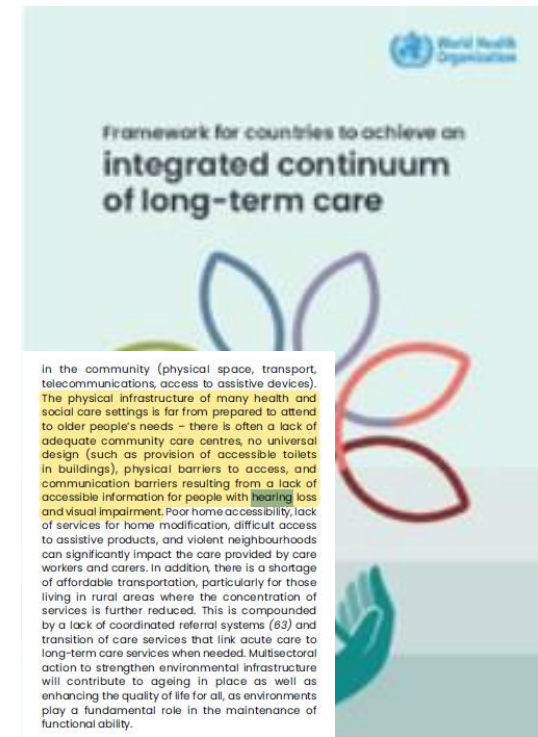


## Equity

Reduce inequities in timely, appropriate, and affordable access to EHC services and assistive devices throughout life.

# Alignment of Intergovernmental Agendas

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# Prioritizing person-centered care

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