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Drilling Through the Noise

Dental teams face daily noise from drills and suction as loud as power tools, putting their hearing at risk without warning or protection. **The following data points highlight the scale of the issue.**



DENTAL DRILLS AND SUCTION CAN HIT

100dB

about as loud as a chainsaw



DENTISTS ARE

50%

more likely to experience ringing in their ears (tinnitus) than others



ULTRASONIC SCALERS CAN

DAMAGE

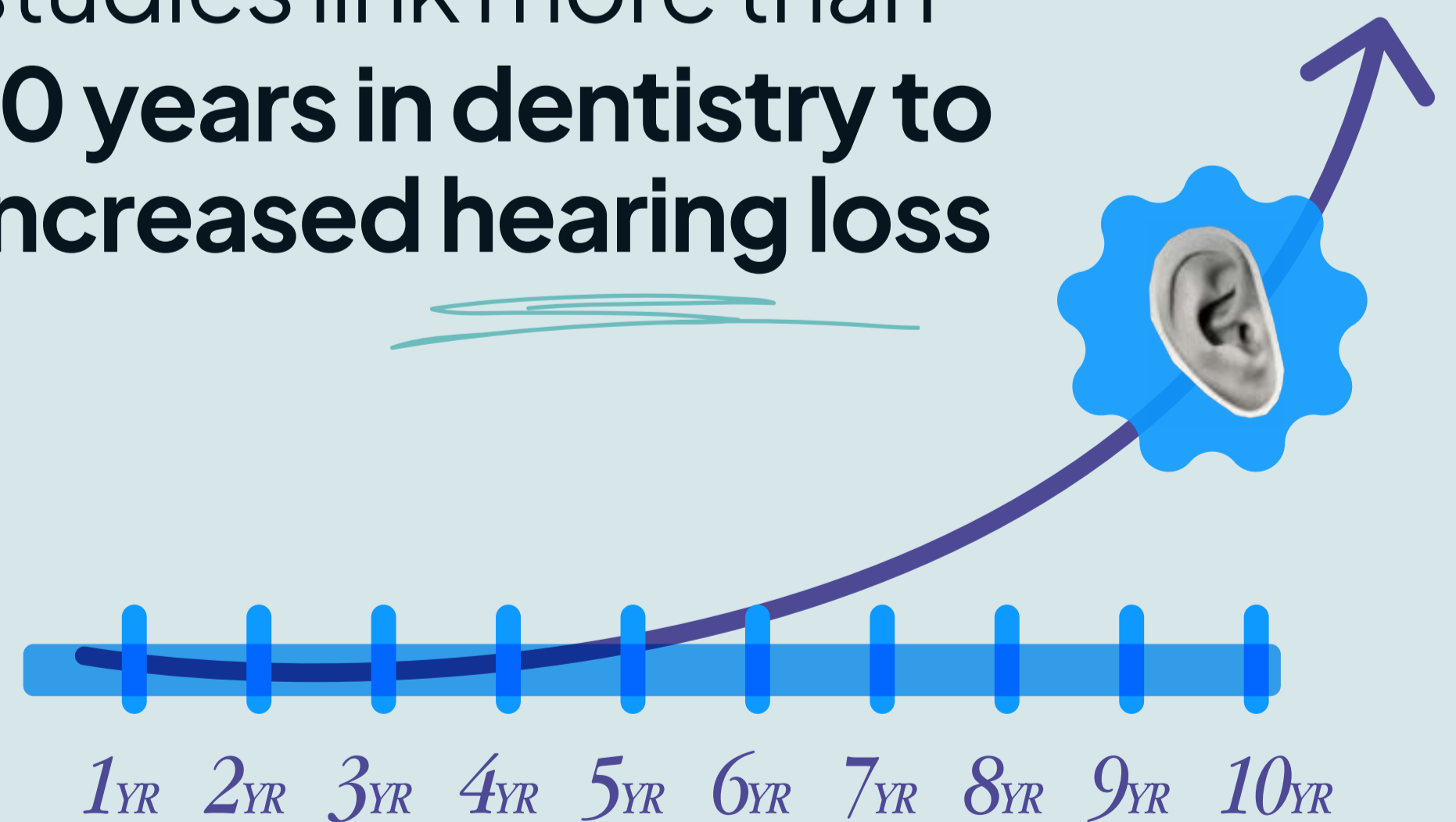
hygienists' hearing, causing temporary or even permanent loss



ABOUT

8 IN 10

studies link more than 10 years in dentistry to increased hearing loss



ROUGHLY

7 IN 10

studies find greater hearing loss in the ear closest to the drill (usually the left ear)



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Ensures that everyone in dentistry, from the exam room to the hygiene chair, has access to the hearing support they need.

Sources: Student Academy of Audiology¹ NIH² NIH³ NIH⁴ NIH⁵