

Hearing Health Foundation Launches New Website Focused on Ménière's Disease

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NEW YORK, NY, UNITED STATES, September 18, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Hearing Health Foundation (HHF), the nation's largest charity funder of hearing and balance research, unveiled today a new microsite dedicated to Ménière's disease, a chronic vestibular (inner ear) condition with no known cure. The content is accessible at www.menieresdisease.org as an extension of the foundation's primary website, www.hhf.org.

HHF's www.menieresdisease.org seeks to build awareness of and bring clarity to the "mysterious" condition with simple, informative pages. The goals are to inspire hope among people who live with Ménière's disease and their loved ones, share updates about Ménière's disease from scientists funded by the foundation, and provide a channel through which individuals can donate to life-changing Ménière's disease research. HHF is fortunate to have all administrative expenses covered by its board of trustees and endowment, so 100% of gifts will directly support life-changing research programming.



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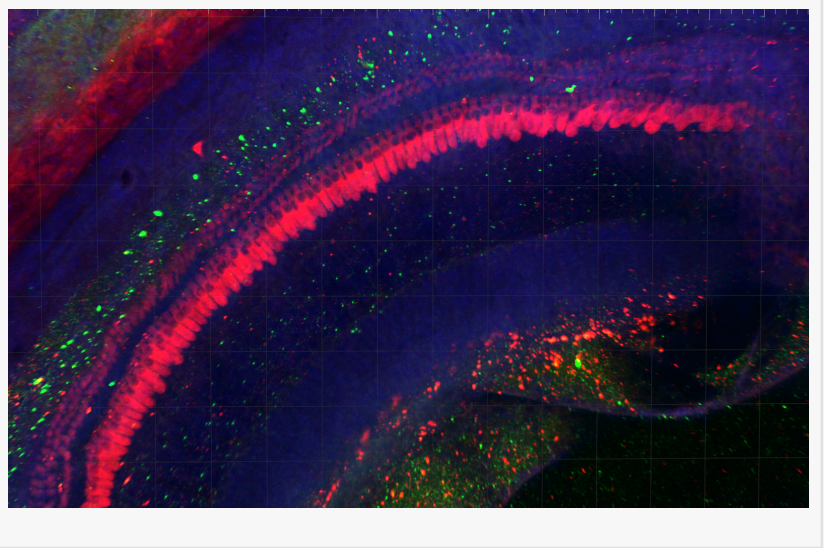
Ménière's disease affects approximately 600,000 people in the U.S. The most prominent symptoms include a sensation of ear fullness, dizziness, vertigo, nausea, fluctuating hearing loss, and tinnitus. Some patients benefit from treatments, but far too many remain completely debilitated, bedridden, and unable to work. Episodes of vertigo can strike at any time without warning and this uncertainty offer triggers anxiety and depression.

Ménière's disease has long been an area of interest for the HHF's long-standing research programs. Inspired by supporters with personal interests in Ménière's disease and gravely concerned by the general lack of research on

the subject, HHF declared a greater focus on the condition in 2017 through the establishment of the Ménière's Disease Grants (MDG) program. MDG is exclusively focused on the etiology, diagnosis, and treatment of Ménière's disease. MDG awards scientists up to \$125,000 for a two-

year grant period is governed by the Ménière's Disease Advisory Board, comprised of senior researchers and physicians throughout the country who review each application for scientific merit and program relevance.

The face of the new website is Nicolle Cure, a celebrated visual artist diagnosed this year with Ménière's disease and whose life has been devastated by sudden hearing loss and crippling vertigo. Nicolle describes her reactions to the onset of her symptoms: "These 'invisible conditions' affect patients an emotional level. I was completely isolated from the world and was frustrated because I couldn't do anything or go anywhere." Nicolle is grateful to have art as a most powerful coping mechanism when she feels well. "I wish to use my art to help people be open about their conditions and find treatments and relief and know that they are not alone in this journey."



HHF encourages our supporters to visit www.menieresdisease.org to learn more about Ménière's disease and to share with friends, family, colleagues, neighbors, or others who may benefit from the reminder that they are not alone and find inspiration in the groundbreaking research that will one day transform lives.

Hearing Health Foundation's mission is to prevent, treat, and cure hearing loss, tinnitus, and related conditions and to promote hearing health. Learn more at www.hhf.org, email HHF at info@hhf.org, or call HHF at 212.257.6140 (voice) or 888.435.6104 (TTY).

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