

# CLSA Webinar Series



## Combined Vision and Hearing Loss in the CLSA: Prevalence, Severity and Relationships to Cognitive and Social Variables

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The purpose of this presentation is to provide a profile of the participants in the CLSA Comprehensive Cohort with combined vision and hearing loss, describe the severity of their impairments, the congruence between objective and subjective measures of sensory impairment, as well as highlight some of the relationships between their sensory loss and cognitive/social variables. A remaining challenge is to measure the severity of the combined sensory impairment, given that vision and hearing are traditionally measured independently. Given the relatively healthy sensory status of the CLSA cohort at baseline, changes in sensory function and the potentially associated changes in cognitive and social variables in future data waves will allow us to examine the effect of sensory loss on cognitive aging and social function.

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