

# Audiology Support in Iraq



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# Mission

- Provide diagnostic audiology services forward to reduce unnecessary evacuation of soldiers with auditory damage and/or disease



# Challenges

- New Mission
  - Integration into the CSH
  - Getting the word out
- Equipment
- Intra-theater movement difficult
- Severity of trauma
- No otolaryngologist

# Facilities and Equipment

- Combat Support Hospital
- IBN Sina, Baghdad
- Senior BAATH Party Hospital
- GSI-16
- GSI-33
- Test booth



# Patient Population

- AD/Reserve/NG from all services
- DoD Civilian
- Contractors
- Coalition forces
- EPWs
- Local Iraqis

# Referrals

- Blast Trauma
  - TM perforations
  - Hearing loss
  - Dysequilibrium
  - Mild concussive trauma
- BPPV
- Chronic otologic conditions
  - ETD
  - COM

