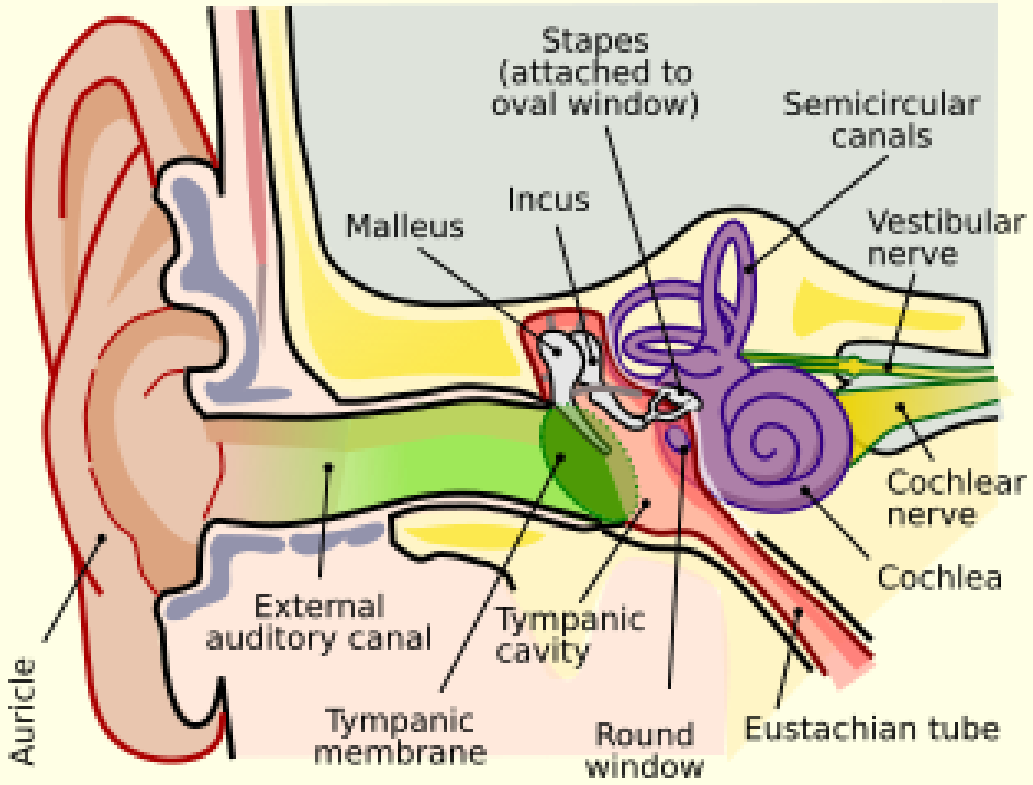
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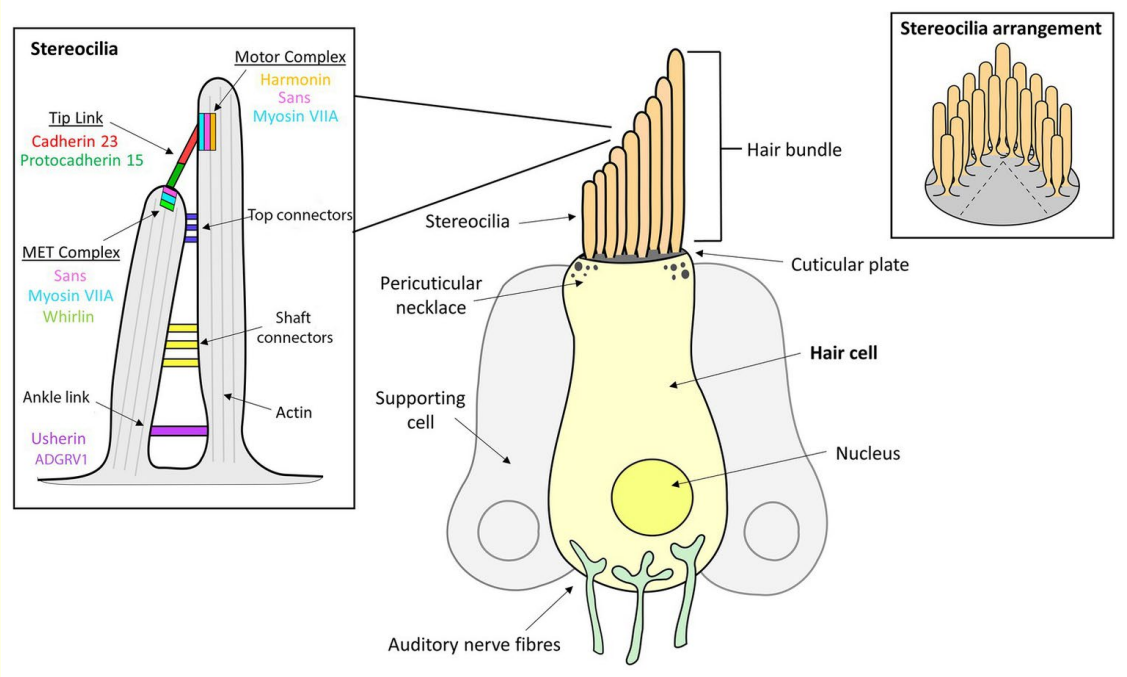
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Usher Syndrome and the Ear



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How does Usher syndrome affect hearing?

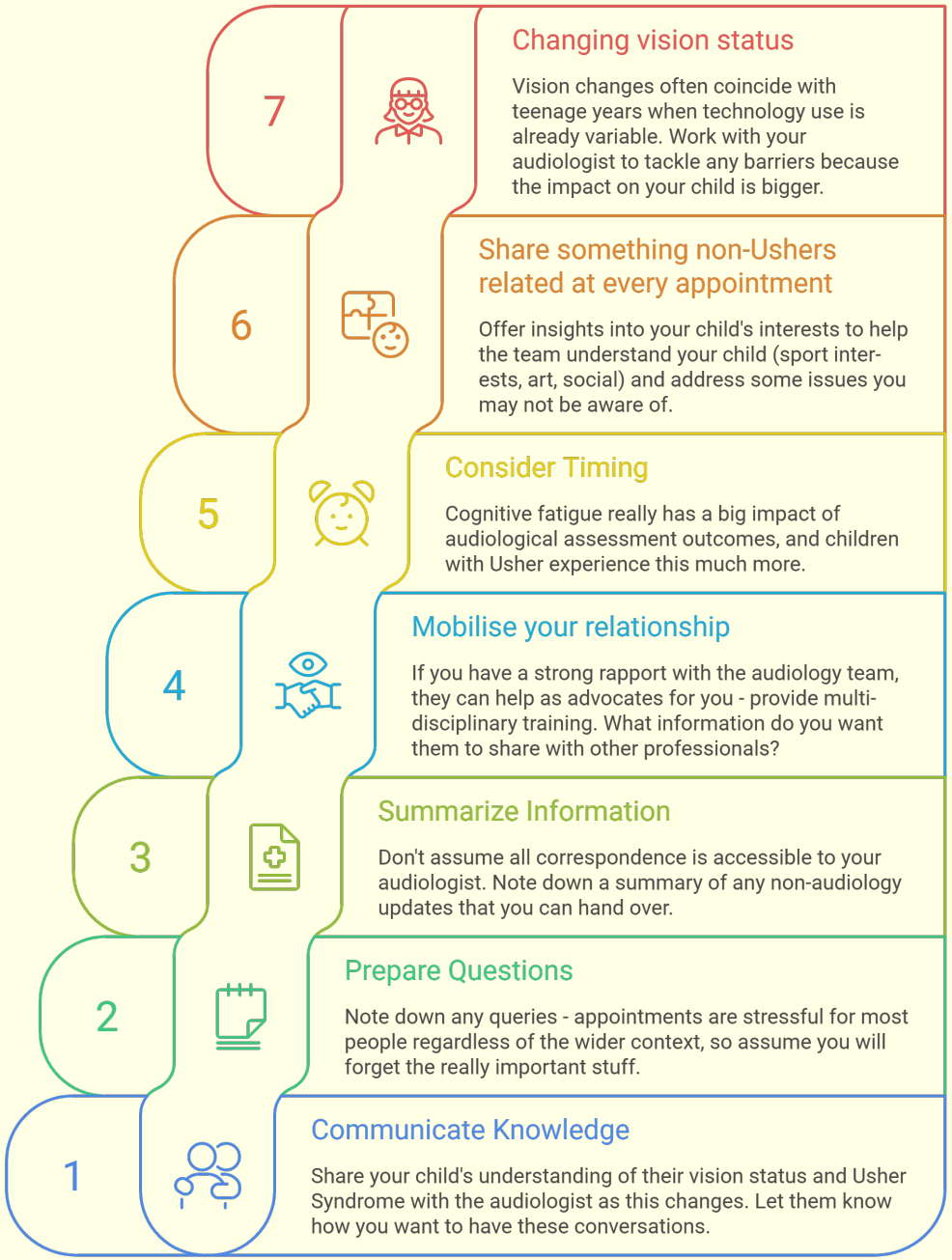


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What happens at audiology appointments?

- A range of assessments (behavioural and objective)
- Management and support – hearing technologies, assistive technology
- Multi-professional support

Maximising the use of your audiology appointment



What information will help the audiologist get to know your child?

- X is about to start playing basketball in noisy hall, any suggestions?
- X is taking PE GCSE and needs to demonstrate skills on trampoline but their processors keep flying off, what should we do?
- Ever since their night vision has changed, we have lots of difficulties communicating when it's dark and they get really distressed, what can we do?
- Since they started secondary school, X is wearing their devices less but I'm getting stressed because I know how important access to sound will be in light of this new diagnosis, what should I do?

Take home points

- With established pathways and quality standards for paediatric audiology services, you check and see if your child is getting the support they need
- If you have a good working relationship with your audiology service, make them your ally!
- Tell them about what your child needs and what is **changing**