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## The Incidence and Natural History of Vestibular Schwannoma (Acoustic Neuroma) in the General Population

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#### Define Professional Practice Gap & Educational Need

(Examples: 1. Lack of awareness...2. Inconsistencies within...  
3. Lack of contemporary knowledge...)

There currently exists a lack of awareness of the natural history, growth rate, and incidence of vestibular schwannoma in the general population, factors which are important in the care of patients with vestibular schwannoma (acoustic neuroma).

**Learning Objective** (The learning objective(s) must correlate to the identified practice gap)

The learning objective of this talk is to describe the incidence of vestibular schwannoma in the general population, as well as define the natural growth rate of the tumor over time.

#### Desired Result

How will attendees **APPLY** the knowledge they learned from the presentation

The desired result is that based on a more complete recognition of the incidence and natural history of vestibular schwannoma in the general population, clinicians will apply this information to make informed decisions on recommended treatment algorithms to improve patient outcomes.

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