



... Lend Me Your Ears

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**COMMON QUESTIONS ABOUT TINNITUS - PART 1
WHAT IS IT?**

Tinnitus is a subjective experience where one hears a sound, ringing or noise when no external physical sound is present. Some call it "head noises", "ear ringing," or other similar things.

WHAT CAUSES IT?

There are many causes; indeed almost everything that can go wrong with the ear has Tinnitus associated with it as a symptom. Things as simple as wax against the eardrum to very serious items such as tumors on the 7th facial nerve can produce Tinnitus. Meniere's disease has Tinnitus associated with it. One of the most common causes of Tinnitus is exposure to excessively loud sounds such as shooting, chain saws, rock concerts, or other loud noises.

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DOCTOR A 'SLITHERY' DRAGON, PANEL TOLD

DR. NIGEL MARK PHIPPS WAS FOUND GUILTY OF SEX ABUSE LAST YEAR BY A DISCIPLINE PANEL AT THE COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF ONTARIO.

JACQUES GALLANT

A Georgetown family doctor found to have sexually abused his patients by showing them naked photos of himself was described by one patient as a "slithery dragon" she sees in her nightmares, a penalty hearing at Ontario's medical regulator heard Monday.

Dr. Nigel Mark Phipps was found guilty last year by a five-member discipline panel at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario of sexually abusing 11 female patients by showing them the naked selfies.

Phipps had admitted to the panel that he showed the patients and staff members an array of photos on his cell phone, but denied that it constituted

sexual abuse. The photos included: one where Phipps is naked with his penis visible, one of Phipps' naked buttocks, one where he's naked from the groin up but where the genitals are not visible and a fourth showing him naked with a towel over his arm.

The panel also found that Phipps had an erection during two of the patient encounters.

Monday was the beginning of a three-day penalty hearing to decide what to do with Phipps' licence, with the maximum penalty being revocation. The discipline panel heard from a number of patients through victim impact statements read by college prosecutor Elisabeth



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Dr. Nigel Mark Phipps leaves Ontario College of Physicians in a July 31, 2017 photo.

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