meningitides. Bacterial infection may follow otitis media or meningitis, leading to complete destruction of the inner ear. Viral infection is less fulminant and may be reversible.

**EVALUATION:** the findings are the same of the vestibular neuritis plus there is some hearing deficit. Otoscopic evaluation may reveal otitis media.

**MANAGEMENT:** Antibiotic therapy is beneficial in bacterial labyrinthitis. With viral causes, a tapered course of oral prednisone may be helpful, but results are varied. Physical therapy training for balance control may be utilized during the recovery period (Souza, 2014).

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