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The Hearing Report

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Battery Tips:

To get the maximum life out of mercury free zinc-air hearing aid batteries:

After removing the sticker, let the battery take in air for 1-2 minutes before using, so that it is fully charged.

Use 1.45 V batteries— the second generation of mercury-free zinc-air batteries work better for advanced sound processing.

A typical battery will last 3–10 days depending on the size of the battery, the strength of the hearing aid, and the amount of special processing activity of the computer.

If you have problems with batteries purchased from us, please let us know. We will gladly exchange any questionable batteries with fresh ones.

Q: How many size 10 (the smallest available) hearing aid batteries would be needed to start a car?

A: 1.1 million !!!

Advancements in Technology

We are excited to add new technologies to our mix of solutions for hearing loss:

Made for iPhone technology:

At least two major hearing aid manufacturers have introduced hearing aids that can be controlled via iPhone/iPad. Volume and tone



adjustments are possible, as well as using the iPhone microphone held closer to the speaker and sending the signal

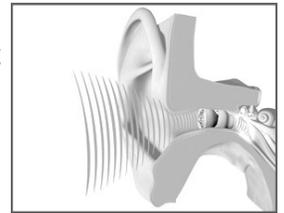
to the hearing aids. Streaming music or dialogue from the phone or iPad directly to the hearing aids creates an improved signal that can be heard in both ears without removing the aids. You can have Siri read your email or text messages into your hearing aids!

Sound Generators for Tinnitus Relief:

Tinnitus, or head noises, can be very disturbing. The use of hearing aids will often create enough external noise to bring relief. But, if amplifying outside sound is not enough, a few new hearing aids can generate sounds such as waves, or chimes, to help relieve the annoyance of the internal head noises either full time or at specific times you choose.

Lyric Extended Wear Hearing Aid :

The deep seated extended wear hearing aid has seen some improvements, including a smaller model to fit more ear canals, so we decided to add it to our mix of treatment options. While the Lyric is not for everyone, users of this type of hearing aid report greater comfort and ease of use. This hearing aid is placed deep in the ear canal and remains in place for several months.



Old Technology Making a Comeback: Induction Loops:

This older, simpler technology, has seen a resurgence, because it makes better hearing accessible to many more people. Loops are most common in public speaking areas when an audio signal is transmitted through a coil of wire around the listeners, which then transmits the sound to hearing aids equipped with telecoils. Many churches, public buildings, lecture halls are looped. Loops are also available for use with home TV listening. Ask your audiologist about it.

Captioned Telephones allow you to see what your caller is saying. Phone service providers do **not** charge more for captioned phone service. Captioned phones are available for use with or without WiFi access, often at no charge to you. We have two Captioned Telephones on display in our office. We will gladly sign a certification form needed to waive the fee for most applicants.

Dear Friends,

We are looking forward to a busy spring season. The winter was brutal and we are all happy that the snow has melted and the cold is gone (for now).

We will be mailing out a satisfaction survey to some of you. We hope you take the time to complete and return it, so that we can see how we're doing. As always, if you have been happy with our services, we hope you will share your good experience with your family, friends and your doctor. There is no better compliment than a referral from an existing patient.

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