Dear Patients, Friends and Colleagues,

We are thrilled to introduce the first newsletter from Hearing Professionals of Illinois, formerly Audiological Laboratory, Ltd.! Yes, we have a new name, but we continue to offer the same great hearing care from the same audiologists. We look forward to staying in touch with everyone and bringing you the latest information about hearing healthcare and new technology updates. We will continue to have educational seminars as well as demo days throughout the year to educate you on how to hear well with your hearing loss. Our next demo day will be on May 9th in our Skokie office. If you are interested, please call to schedule an individual appointment to come in and try our latest technology for FREE.

As our practice continues to grow, we will be expanding our locations to include the downtown area. Our new office will be located at 680 North Lake Shore Drive in Chicago and we will have Saturday and evening hours available for your convenience. Downtown Chicago is always bustling with people...take a trip downtown for lunch, shopping and a visit to your audiologist! Our office will include full time audiology and ear, nose and throat services. Please tell your friends and family who live in the downtown area to come see us at our new location. We always appreciate referrals from our established patients.

We look forward to seeing you soon! Remember, regular check-ups are important for maintaining your hearing health. At Hearing Professionals of Illinois, we are “hear” for you!

Warm Regards,
The Staff at Hearing Professionals of Illinois

Noise-induced hearing loss can be prevented!

There are three ways to protect your hearing from damaging noise...

1. Walk Away
That’s right, move away from the sound source if possible and the decibel level will reduce. By moving away, the decibel level of a sound will decrease by 6 dB every time you double the distance from the sound.

2. Turn it Down
Turn down the volume on your personal stereo system (MP3, iPod, CD Player, etc.), car stereo, radio, television, speaker system or PA system.

3. How to Protect Your Ears
Cover your ears with ear plugs, ear muffs, or even your finger. Depending on the situation, one of these hearing protection devices will help.

At Hearing Professionals of Illinois, we can help you with your noise protection needs. We offer musician’s plugs, swim plugs and assorted custom noise protection plugs.

PROTECTIVE EAR PLUGS ARE AVAILABLE
Hearing Professionals of Illinois, formerly Audiological Laboratory, is a full-service Audiology practice specializing in the measurement, diagnosis and rehabilitation of hearing loss in children and adults. We have ten experienced and licensed audiologists on staff, and our offices are located in Niles, Skokie, Libertyville, Highland Park, Glenview and Chicago. We believe in patient education and include a thorough and detailed explanation of our test results with recommendations on all audiological evaluations.

For our potential hearing aid patients, Hearing Professionals of Illinois provides the best quality care and instruments possible to meet your hearing healthcare needs. We offer a wide variety of state-of-the-art 100% digital hearing instruments and will work with you to determine the most appropriate solution for your diagnosis, lifestyle and budget. We believe that fitting hearing aids is just the beginning of our relationship with you and we are committed to providing exceptional care and service for the life of your hearing instruments.

In association with Ear, Nose and Throat Specialists of Illinois, formerly Suburban Ear, Nose and Throat Specialists, Ltd., we have been providing the best in hearing healthcare to the Chicagoland area for over 40 years. Our patients receive the most comprehensive care through our team approach to treating their audiological needs. Our goal is to provide you with information, support, and guidance in a friendly and caring environment.

For all of your hearing healthcare needs, we are "hear" for you!

ABOUT US

How do I know it’s time to update my hearing aids?

Hearing aids, like everything else, have a finite lifespan. But there’s more to it than that. Hearing aids can last anywhere from three years to seven—for some people, even longer. Variables affecting this lifespan include how well the instrument is built, how well it’s maintained, and how much wear and tear it experiences being worn in your ear for many hours a day.

Naturally, when a hearing instrument stops working reliably, you could be a candidate for new hearing aids, or at least a significant repair. But there are other reasons you may want to make an appointment with your hearing care professional and consider an upgrade, even if things are working fine. Here are a few:

Changes in your hearing

Remember, age-related hearing loss is a degenerative condition—it gets worse as you get older. If you’re not getting like-new performance from your hearing aids, it may be time to see your hearing care professional for an adjustment. Sometimes your hearing may change to the point where it’s beyond the range of your current hearing aids. You may need to upgrade to a more powerful instrument or one with new capabilities that meet you changing needs.

Changes in your life

Changes in your occupation, living situation, outside interests or family life can put new demands on your hearing aids. A new job with a lot of conference calls and meetings, a teaching job, or a job in a noisy environment like a restaurant or construction site…any of these situations can mean a change in your hearing requirements. So could getting married, moving in with family, taking up a new hobby, or moving to a group home where there is a lot of conversation and social activity. If you were originally fitted for hearing aids based on a quieter lifestyle, any of these situations could create a need for hearing aids with more power or new capabilities.

Changes in hearing instruments

Advances in hearing technology have introduced a lot of features that weren’t available just a few years ago…features you may have been waiting for, but couldn’t get when you were first fitted. For example, across the board, hearing instruments are smarter than ever, working with you brain to do a better job of separating conversation from background noise and preserving the spatial "soundscape" of a room—new features that enhance comprehension and reduce fatigue. The micro-brains inside these devices work hard to adjust automatically and optimize performance, to take the strain off your brain.

Today’s advanced hearing aids are more fun, too. They can connect easily to all the new electronic devices around you—TV’s, computers, smartphones, audio equipment and more. And there are more options than ever for size and fit: more colors, completely invisible devices, and newer, more comfortable external hearing aids.

In short, it pays to keep up to date with advances in hearing technology, regardless of how well your current hearing aids are performing. Next time you visit your hearing care professional for new batteries or other services, try asking “What’s new?”

Discover the Latest Hearing Aid Technology!

Call us today to schedule your FREE individual appointment on our demo day, May 9th in our Skokie office.

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