

HEARING AID EVALUATION

Hearing aid evaluations are scheduled with our Audiologist, who is a trained specialist in the evaluation of hearing and the fitting and dispensing of hearing aids. An Audiologist is different from a “hearing instrument specialist”, “hearing aid dispenser” or “audio-prosthologist” and has completed at least 7 years of extensive training. Our Audiologist also works closely with your physician to determine whether or not a hearing aid may be appropriate for you, and if so what type of hearing aid you may benefit most from.

During the hearing aid evaluation, the Audiologist will review the results of your hearing test with you. FDA regulations require that a hearing test be performed within six months of the hearing aid evaluation. If it has been longer than six months since your last hearing test, it will be necessary for us to repeat the testing before proceeding with the hearing aid evaluation. During the hearing aid evaluation, styles and types of hearing aids will be discussed as well as the benefit of each in different communication situations. The Audiologist will make a recommendation of what type of amplification may be most appropriate for you and will explain realistic expectations for hearing aid use. Together you will reach a decision regarding which particular size of hearing aid and circuit is best for you. We encourage you to bring a family member or friend with you to this appointment.

Depending on the type of hearing aids recommended for you, some additional testing may be performed during this appointment. Impressions of your ear will be taken and the aids will be ordered. It will take approximately 2 weeks for the hearing aids to arrive and you will be scheduled for an appointment to return for the hearing aid dispensing. The hearing aids will be fit to your ears at that appointment and you will be counseled regarding caring for the aids and expectations for the coming week. We will also schedule additional follow-up appointments to adjust the hearing aids for your listening comfort after you have had an opportunity to listen through them in your different environments.

Many health plans do not cover charges for hearing aids or related services (such as hearing aid evaluations). We recommend that you contact your health plan to determine your specific benefits. The charge for a Hearing Aid Evaluation is \$120.