

Treating Hearing Loss with Hearing Aids



The Primary Non-Medical/Non-Surgical Way to Treat Hearing Loss

Hearing aids allow those with hearing loss the ability to hear sounds and more easily communicate with others. For hearing loss that cannot be medically or surgically treated, hearing aids are the primary means of treatment. Audiologists are trained to diagnose hearing and balance disorders, as well as consult in the selection of hearing aids, fitting and adjusting.

Get the Combined Benefit of our Audiology and Medical Expertise at Valley Ear, Nose & Throat Clinic

At Valley Ear, Nose & Throat Clinic, our audiologists work with you to find the best device to fit your hearing needs. As our clinic also provides otolaryngology services, our audiologists will promptly refer you to a physician if there are any other suspected medical concerns impacting your hearing or balance.

Standard or Custom Aids—Let Us Help You Decide what Will Best Meet your Hearing Needs

Hearing aids come in several styles or types, classified as standard or custom aids. Standard aids have a component of the hearing aid that sits behind the ear and a wire or tube connected to the earpiece. Custom aids require a custom-molded shell and the hearing aid fits as one piece in the ear. Choosing between these styles is based on an individual's needs, as well as medical and audiologic history.



Advancements in Technology Improve the Hearing Aid Experience

Advancements in hearing aid technology have improved hearing aid comfort, sound quality and fit. Options such as directional microphones to enhance conversation in noise, feedback cancellation to prevent the hearing aid from whistling, noise management to make loud environments more comfortable and wireless connectivity for phones or television are now improving the hearing aid experience.

Professional Programming and Fitting Services

Once hearing aids are selected with the help of your audiologist, they will be programmed and fit to your ears, hearing and comfort. Our verification equipment will ensure that your hearing aids are fit as they should be.

Hearing Aids Improve Quality of Life

Hearing aids have shown to improve quality of life by reducing withdrawal from social situations, fatigue and risks to personal safety. Even with the best hearing aid technology, maintaining realistic expectations are important. Based on individual hearing needs and lifestyle, everyone's experience with hearing aids is unique. While hearing aids will not restore hearing back to normal, they will provide access to the world of sound around you. Adapting to this new world of sound may take some time, but it is well worth the journey as it allows you to reconnect socially, feel more refreshed and live more safely.

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