

For the Hearing Aid Users

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Here are some points which every hearing aid user should be aware of :

1. Keep in touch with the professionals. It would help you in the following ways :
 - a) Your hearing can be checked at regular intervals. Deterioration of hearing will reduce the usefulness of the hearing aid currently being used.
 - b) The performance of your hearing aid could be evaluated periodically. The life span of a hearing aid is only 4-5 years if used constantly.
 - c) New models may be available that would suit you better. Information regarding their availability and suitability for your needs could be reliably obtained.
 - d) Hearing aids may be available at lower costs when purchased through service organizations/through Government welfare schemes. Formalities to be completed to obtain such benefits would be available with the professionals.

e) Information regarding procurement of spare parts may be made available. Again, spare parts may be priced lower when purchased through service organizations.

2. Regular visits to an ENT specialist are essential. Wax and other debris could block the passage of sound, resulting in less than satisfactory performance with the hearing aid. Occasional pain in the ear may be due to wax accumulation or ear disease.

3. In case of children, hearing aid prescription may be only tentative as it is difficult to determine a child's amplification needs precisely. It is therefore important that the parents of a young child make regular visits to the professional so that the most suitable aid can be fitted to the child.

4. The earmold is an important accessory of the hearing aid, it must fit well. If discomfort is experienced, report back to the professional. It is essential that the molds be changed with time especially in children and older persons. An ill - fitted mold causes leakage of sound resulting in an annoying 'Squeal'.

The earmold must be clean, wash them in soapy water every alternate day make sure the bore of the mold is free of wax and dirt particles. Dry them thoroughly before use.

5. A hearing aid requires servicing every 3 months. However, make sure you get your hearing aid serviced by a trained person. Collect the addresses of at least two such professionals in your area.

You can help us by promptly responding the letters or questionnaires from professionals. Record your experiences or doubts regarding the hearing aid. Take them with you on your visits to the professionals.

Please inform us in time incase of any change in your address.

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