

Newsletter December 2004

Increasing Hearing Aid Life

Hearing aids typically last between 5 and 7 years. Certainly some hearing aids seem to last much longer and others not as long. To increase hearing aid life a drying aid kit is often a worthwhile purchase. This is a jar or bag with silica gel pellets. These pellets help to absorb moisture from the hearing aid. Moisture and wax are the two leading causes of hearing aid breakdown. Wax is a little more difficult to control. Manufacturers have been trying for years to come up with a way of preventing wax from clogging the hearing aid receiver. Most recently little baskets in the receiver tubing seem to be the best method. These baskets can be changed by the hearing aid user, saving you from having to come into the office or having your hearing aid sent to the manufacturer for repair. If your hearing aids don't have a wax guard system make sure to clean them as instructed regularly. It is best to clean them in the morning when any wax will have dried and will come out more readily.

Other things can also clog up your hearing aid microphone such as hairspray or hand cream. Therefore, it is important to handle your hearing aid with clean hands and apply hairspray before inserting the hearing aid. If your hearing aid is getting old remember that currently the Assistive Devices Program provides a \$500 grant per ear for hearing aids every 3 years.

Christmas Hours

Our office will be closed from December 24th to December 31st. We will reopen on January 3rd.

Hearing Aid Humor

A gentleman says to his friend " I just got a brand new hearing aid"
His friend asks, "What kind is it?"
The gentleman replies " It's four o'clock"

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