

Newsletter December 2009

Hearing Aids and Telephones

Does your hearing aid whistle when you use the phone or do you have to take your hearing aid out to use the phone? There are solutions to help you use your hearing aid with the telephone.

1. Telecoils

Most behind-the-ear hearing aids and some in-the-ear hearing aids are equipped with a magnetic telecoil. When you use this coil the hearing aid microphone is turned off and the hearing aid receives the signal from the magnetic leakage of the phone. This will work with a regular corded phone, or a hearing aid compatible phone but **NOT** a cordless phone. In some cases for in-the-ear hearing aids, this is an option ordered at the time the hearing aid is purchased.

2. Acoustic Phone

An acoustic phone setting in the hearing aid will roll off the high frequencies in the hearing aid response to reduce the likelihood of feedback. Your hearing aid needs to have a push button on it to add an acoustic phone program.

3. Bluetooth

Now if you have a bluetooth phone and a hearing aid that is bluetooth compatible the bluetooth signal can be sent via a bluetooth receiver directly to the hearing aids. This eliminates feedback problems and allows you to hear on the phone in stereo. Better yet it's hands free. This technology can also be used to listen to an iPod, the television or with any device with a headset jack or bluetooth. The hearing aids become wireless headphones.

Ear candling – does it really work?

The answer is no. In fact ear candling is dangerous and has no proven medical benefit. Health Canada published a report warning people against ear candling and stating the sale of ear candles for therapeutic use is illegal.

Remember never use Q-tips to remove wax from your ears. Q-tips can actually push the wax in further making it more difficult to remove. See your doctor if you suspect you need your ears cleaned.

Web Site

Check out our website at
www.peelaudiology.com

A reminder at tax time

Keep your receipts from your hearing aid and battery purchases. You may be able to claim this on your medical expenses.

Holiday Office Hours

We will be closed for the holiday season from Thursday, December 24 and reopening Monday, January 4.

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