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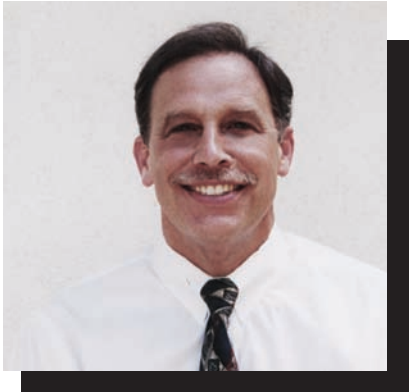
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Jeff Grama's Corner



My goal is to continue to make our newsletter a valuable resource for you. This is why your feedback is always encouraged. I listen carefully to your comments regarding the newsletter or any other aspect of the practice and try to implement your suggestions whenever possible.

This newsletter is dedicated to answering the most common questions asked by our patients. Hopefully, I have addressed those that are foremost on your mind. If you have other concerns or you desire a more thorough explanation than I have provided, please contact me.

I hope you find this issue valuable and informative.

Wishing you good health,

Jeff

Answers to Your Most Commonly Asked Questions

How often should you have your hearing tested?

Your hearing should be tested and your ears should be otoscopically examined every year. This ensures that you receive maximum benefit from your hearing aids and maintain the health of your ears.



Why is it important to use proper hearing aid batteries?

The use of premium batteries is essential to the performance of all hearing aids. Lower quality batteries often have a reduced thickness that can cause your hearing aids to work intermittently or not at all.

Where should you store your batteries?

Hearing aid batteries are air-activated and should be stored in a fairly dry environment, for example, a dresser drawer or nightstand. Avoid storing batteries in humid or hot environments, such as bathrooms or the glovebox of your car. Never store them in a refrigerator or freezer.

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Should you repair or replace your old hearing aids?

New hearing aids will always out-perform older models due to advances in computer chips. Repairing your old instruments will restore their original function but never match the performance of technology available today. If you decide to purchase new instruments, I recommend that you have your old units repaired for use as back-ups in the event you lose or damage the new ones.

How effective are disposable hearing aids?

Disposable hearing aids are inferior products because they do not address the unique needs of your hearing impairment. They are produced with identical circuits, so everybody gets the same correction regardless of the degree of hearing loss. These aids are uncomfortable, will whistle and often fall out of your ear with any head or jaw movement. For these reasons, you should not purchase disposable hearing aids.

How can you convince someone with a hearing loss to do something about it?

People with a hearing loss often blame everyone else for their lack of understanding. They accuse others of mumbling, not speaking clearly or purposefully not speaking loud enough. The reality of the situation is usually quite different.

Hearing problems lead to difficulties detecting, identifying and localizing environmental sounds. Most hearing-impaired individuals tend to avoid outside activities, and, in doing so, reduce the quality of their social lives. Some studies have implicated hearing loss as a cause of depression. Other research has noted a direct correlation between the presence of hearing impairment and reduced cognitive functioning.

The most effective way of dealing with denial is to have a straightforward discussion explaining your concerns. Schedule a hearing evaluation with me to determine if a hearing loss actually exists.



My examination will ensure that the problem is not due to impacted earwax or another medical condition. If testing is refused, call me and I will send an educational packet that describes the signs of hearing loss and its impact on quality of life.

I conduct one-hour information seminars in the theater adjacent to my office that include an overview of the latest hearing technology. This presents the opportunity to learn about hearing loss and ask questions in a comfortable and caring environment. To attend, just call my office for dates and times.

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