



'Hear Ye, Here Ye'

FUTURE HEARING Newsletter

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(Newsy notes from your half-deaf hearing aid guy)



MOISTURE IS OUR ENEMY!

Summer is here! Unfortunately summer brings our number one enemy. Moisture. During this season a huge percentage of the problems we encounter with hearing aids turn out to be moisture related. Microphones and speakers malfunction. Tubes get clogged with blobs of moisture.

How do you know if you have a moisture related hearing aid problem? The most common complaint is that the hearing aid is "intermittent." Or that "it works in the morning, but then by the afternoon it stops working."

Most of the time when a patient comes in with these complaints, we remove the moisture and the aid is good to go.

If you experience these issues and want to save yourself trips to our offices, then there are a number of inexpensive products you can buy that will remove moisture from

your devices while you sleep. Pick one up next time you are in, or call Emily and she will happy to mail one out to you.

EARS RINGING?

This common condition, known as tinnitus, affects many of us. There are now several companies that make hearing aids which include technology that could possibly relieve your tinnitus in addition to helping you hear better.

So if you are getting close to needing some new aids, and want to try the type that could relieve the ringing in your ears, call us for a free consultation.

We also have a new tinnitus product out from SoundCure, called Serenade that can help those folks that do not have hearing loss. If you know of anyone that has ringing in their ears, but is not hearing impaired, send them our way. Since this device is new to the market we would love to have some people come try it out.

BREAKING NEWS!!



We have opened a second office, in Lafayette, to better serve those patients that have been driving long distances to see us. It is well known in our field that as people age they reduce the distance that they drive, making it hard for them to get to their hearing aid provider. This new location allows us to be more accessible to a significant number of our patients.

We will be splitting our time between offices, so be sure to call ahead when you want an appointment. Any patient may see us at either office, and we can access your chart notes from either office. Just let us know which office is most convenient for you!

The new Lafayette office address and phone number are:

950 Hough Ave, Suite C
Lafayette, CA 94549
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HEARING AID BATTERY TIPS

Batteries typically last 7-14 days based on a 16 hour per day use cycle. Batteries are very inexpensive, costing less than a dollar each. Generally, the smaller the battery size, the shorter the battery life. Here is a guide:

Yellow #10: 3-4 days
Brown #312: 6-10 days

Orange #13: 10-14 days
Blue #675: 25-30 days

Storing zinc-air hearing aids in the refrigerator has no beneficial effect on their shelf life. The best place to store batteries is in a cool dry place, like the back of your sock drawer, not the fridge!

EVERY MONTH is Now Battery Sale Month!

We have had far too many issues with batteries that our patients are buying from drug stores or Costco. In order to save all of us time and trouble, we have decided to keep our twice a year sale price on batteries a permanent one. *That's two packs for the price of one*, limited to our patients only. Just drop by during office hours, or, if you have mobility issues, call Emily and she will mail them to you. You can also email her at emily@futurehearingnow.com.

New Technology

There are some very interesting new features in the newest hearing aids. If your hearing aids are getting up there in age you should know that the average life of an aid is four to six years. Maybe it's time to look at getting new devices while your old ones are still in good enough shape to be a good back-up for you. Call our office if you would like a demonstration of the newer technology!

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