



'Hear Ye, Here Ye'

FUTURE HEARING Newsletter

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



HOW TO HELP YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO HELP YOU HEAR

Do you find that any of your family or friends do not understand how they can make it easier for you to hear better? We all know that hearing aids cannot restore normal hearing. Here are some things for them to do that might help you:

- They should face you and get your attention before talking to you. They should not expect you to understand them from another room.
- They should make an effort to NOT talk fast. Talk at a moderate pace, being sure to pronounce words clearly.
- If understanding is not being

achieved, they should rephrase what they are saying. Different words often help.

- If the environment is quite difficult to hear in, they should happily move to a quieter room with you, where you will have a much better chance at understanding them.
- They should not whisper, or talk low for dramatic effect. This just makes it so you miss the punchline!

You can keep this page handy and have people read this little section if needed. Hopefully it will help!

*Your partner in better hearing,
Greg*

CAPTIONS AT MOVIE THEATERS!

If you are like me, you may have started to avoid movie theaters because if you have your hearing aids adjusted to hear soft dialog, you are then crushed by punishing loud noises during



other parts of the movie. The good news is that theaters are now legally required to provide caption services for the deaf and hearing impaired. The device is an articulating arm that fits in your cup holder. You bend it into position and it shows the words for what you are viewing. It is designed so that your neighbors are not bothered by it.

I have used this system and it works great! You can either turn your hearing aids down or take them out completely, depending upon the type of hearing aids you wear and your hearing loss.

When you are buying your ticket, mention that you are hearing impaired and would like to use one of their caption systems. They will then tell you where to wait when you get inside, and someone will bring you the device.

Not all theaters have this installed yet, so *call ahead to ensure that they are available.*

HOW HEARING AID BATTERIES WORK

The most common type of hearing batteries on the market today are zinc air hearing aid batteries. Zinc air batteries need air to activate and power up. Once the tab is removed, you can see the tiny holes in the battery; these holes are what allow the air to enter the battery and power up.

Tip: *Make sure you let the battery sit for 1 minute untabbed before inserting the battery into the device.*

The reason to let it sit is because the air needs time to get into the battery. If you take the tab off and immediately put the battery in the hearing aid, you limit the amount of air it is exposed to.

This could cause the battery to seem "dead" because the voltage could not reach the necessary level to power the device.

If this happens when you first put the battery in the device, take it out and let it sit. This allows air to enter the cell and increase the voltage. After 1 minute, put the battery back into the device.

Have questions? Visit our website for information: futurehearingnow.com

"MADE FOR iPhone" HEARING AIDS



If you have an iPhone, there are new hearing aids that will allow you to hear calls in your hearing aids directly from your iPhone without having to wear a gadget around your neck.

There is also an iPhone app which will let you control your hearing aids with your iPhone. This technology does not exist for other cell

phones yet, and only works with certain hearing aids.

If you are interested, call the office for a consultation.

TIME TO UPGRADE?

I continue to have patients that wait until their hearing aids die before they get new ones.

It really is in your best interest to get your new devices before the old ones give out completely. That way you can store your old ones in a nice safe place, and they are ready for you if the newer ones get lost

or need repair. You have your back up right there, nice and handy.

The average life of a hearing aid is four to six years. If you are wearing hearing aids that are five years old or more, consider giving us a call for a consultation about new devices.