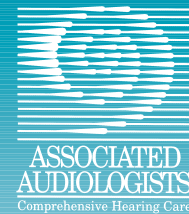


# Hearing Assistive Technology May Help You Get More from Your Hearing Aid



If you currently wear hearing aids, but still encounter challenging listening situations, you may need some extra help. For these circumstances, we often suggest Hearing Assistive Technology (HAT).

HAT is used with or without your hearing aids to further improve your ability to hear in background noise and poorly controlled listening environments. HAT also can make a big difference in how well you hear everything from your favorite television programs, to conversations on your cell phone. Here is a brief summary of the most commonly used devices:

- ▶ **Corded and cordless telephones**, which provide approximately 30 to 50 db of amplification. These devices can also use a built-in electromagnetic transmitter for compatibility with hearing aids with telephone coils (also known as telecoils or T-coils).
- ▶ **TV/stereo listening systems**, featuring a wireless infrared personal listening device for watching TV or listening to the stereo. Such devices may also be compatible with systems used in many theaters and other public buildings that use 95 KHZ infrared systems.
- ▶ **FM personal communication systems**, which are designed to effectively transmit information from a source to the listener using an FM radio signal. These devices use one of 40 channels in the 216 MHZ band. Auxillary input to the transmitter permits direct connection to a TV, stereo or other sound source.
- ▶ **Cellular phone adapters** are designed to amplify phone conversations transmitted through the user's hearing aids. Ear level or neck-worn induction coils can be worn to more effectively couple with hearing aids.



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Getting The Most From Your Hearing Aid

*To help you hear your best and benefit from your hearing aids/ hearing assistive technology, we offer Hearing Perks.*

**Please call to register and mark your calendar for one of these sessions:**

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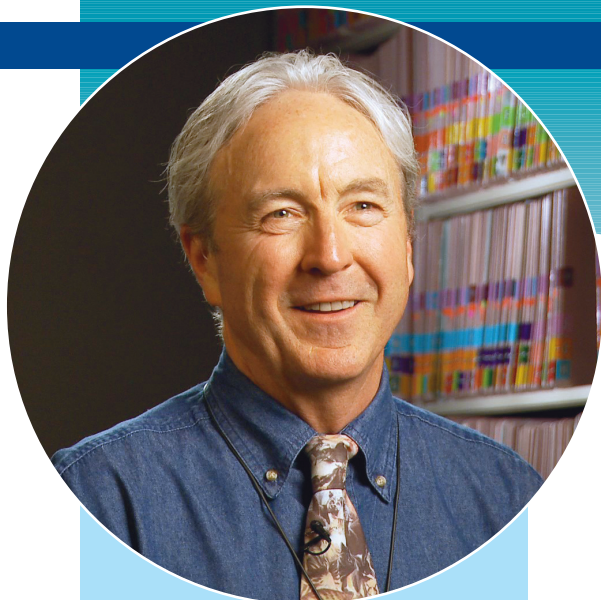
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## Olathe Veterinarian Gets Connected with Latest Hearing Aid Technology

**A**s a teenager, Hadley Warwick, D.V.M., loved loud music and school dances. "I remember dancing right in front of those huge loud speakers," Dr. Warwick recalls. "The louder, the better."

What he didn't love was the high-frequency hearing loss he began experiencing in his late 40s. "Initially, I knew I had a problem because I struggled to hear in restaurants and crowds, turned the television up too loud, and my wife complained I couldn't hear her," he says.

A diagnostic hearing evaluation performed about five years ago by Jim Wise, Ph.D., F.A.A.A., president of Associated Audiologists, Inc. revealed he had a high-frequency hearing loss. "My first hearing aid was a completely-in-the-canal device. It worked great for me, but I recently decided it was time to upgrade."

*Dr. Wise fit the Olathe veterinarian with two micro behind-the-ear hearing instruments featuring Bluetooth connectivity.*

*"I spend a lot of time in the car and the hands-free Bluetooth technology was an important feature for me," Dr. Warwick explains.*

"I can actually talk with you through my hearing aids. I also have a device at home that allows me to listen to the television through my hearing aids. The television speaker volume doesn't even have to be on."

Dr. Warwick's only initial reservation about his new hearing aids was that they fit behind the ear, rather than in the canal. "I didn't really want people to be able to see my hearing aids, but that is not a problem. These new hearing aids are practically invisible. No one knows I have them."

His new hearing aids even make Dr. Warwick feel years younger. "These hearing aids greatly assist me in my interactions with my staff and patients," he says. "But more importantly, they have improved my relationship with my wife."

And at 53, does Dr. Warwick feel any stigma attached to wearing hearing aids? "Not at all," he says. "In fact, I think just the opposite is true. I would contend that not wearing hearing aids when you need them makes you seem older than you are. I can hear better than many people who are half my age. Wearing hearing aids definitely makes me feel younger."

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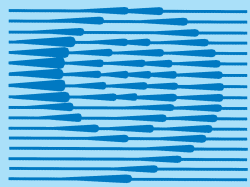
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