

Hearing Health Report

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News/Updates:

- Summer Hours: 9-5pm, Monday–Friday
Linda NOT in on Fridays
- CLOSED July 4 & 5, 2013
- Free pack of batteries for every referral you make!
Send Friends and Family, just remind them to tell us who sent them!
- Meet Jackie! See back page for more information on our summer student.
- Box of 40 batteries only \$30! Makes a great gift!
- Walk-In hours are Tuesday and Thursdays from 10am–12 noon
- Phone: 517-669-8080
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Heat, humidity, dust...yuck!

Pure Michigan brings us unique weather patterns and quick changes.

Temperature: An increase in outside temperatures creates an increase in moisture troubles for hearing aids. Moisture comes from many items: humidity, increased body temperature, perspiration, rainy days, etc... Hearing aids do have moisture resistant coatings, but this wears off over time.

Dry Periods: Prolonged dry periods cause higher dust levels. Just like moisture, dust debris may cause malfunctions in your hearing aids.

Humidity: Microphone sensitivity and performance is impacted by humidity. Most hearing aids use two microphone ports to help reduce background noise by using a timing difference of arriving signals. It is vital to keep microphones clean and dry.

Moisture: Moisture impacts hearing aids AND battery performance may be shortened due to high humidity. Keep batteries in temperature controlled environments. Allow batteries to “air-up” for 10-20 seconds after removing battery sticker and open battery door when not using aids.

A great way to prolong the life of your hearing aids while combating the effects of Pure Michigan weather is to use an electronic drying box. The box utilizes air flow, a germ killing light and heat to remove moisture and limit bacteria growth.



A great investment and summer special at \$75 (normally \$100).

***while supplies last*



Summer Sounds...some pleasant, some harmful

Michigan's summer season brings many favorite and pleasant sounds; birds chirping, children playing, beach waves, ice in glasses, and outdoor music events.

Michigan's summer season also brings sounds of the potentially harmful variety; lawn mowers, chainsaws, power tools, standing too close at outdoor music events, fireworks, and race tracks.

Remember to use hearing protection this summer. Custom fit silicone hearing protection can be obtained through our office. Call us at 517-669-8080 to make an appointment and get the process started!

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Redesign

Many Advanced Audiology patients use “open fit” or “receiver in the ear” style hearing aids.



There has been a redesign of the receiver and ear dome for improved cosmetics, comfort and identification. The receiver wire is now slightly smaller with a curved end and easier to see red/blue color indicators for right/left ears. Ear domes are now tinted gray to better conceal themselves in the shadows of the ear canal.



Meet Jackie!



Jackie Theis is a homegrown MI girl who has been away at school, but is back home for the summer. Jackie is completing an Audiology Extern position with our office and will be with us through the beginning of August. Jackie is an Audiology Graduate School student who has completed 2 of the 4 year Doctorate program at Illinois State University.

Welcome Jackie!

Hearing Re-Test

Our office recommends re-testing someone’s hearing every 2-4 years or earlier if the person experiences a significant change in hearing. Progression of hearing loss is usually gradual, unless there is a severe trauma or illness experienced.

Medicare rule §1861 states a hearing test is a covered benefit once a year with a referral by the individual’s primary physician. When a new test is needed, please inform your physician’s office and ask for a referral to Advanced Audiology.

