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**Alison Brockmeyer**

**Alison Brockmeyer** is the newest addition to the audiology staff at the Center for Advanced Medicine. Alison Brockmeyer, Au.D., CCC-A graduated from **Truman State University** with a bachelor's degree in Communication Disorders and obtained her Au.D. from **Washington University** after completing her externship at Loyola University Medical Clinic in Chicago, IL. Her primary audiology interests are **aural rehabilitation and hearing devices**. In her free time, Alison enjoys spending time with friends and family and running.

## STAFF NEWS:

- **Bob Mareing and Jennifer Listenberger** practice at the West County office; **Mike Valente, Judy Peterein, Diane Duddy, Steve Smith and Alison Brockmeyer** practice at the Center for Advanced Medicine and **Amanda Ortmann** practices at Central Institute for the Deaf.
- **Diane Duddy, AuD** is president-elect of the Missouri Academy of Audiology (MAA) board and recently spoke on "Tinnitus: Sounds in Silence" at the MAA scope of practice meeting in St. Louis and Kansas Speech and Hearing Association in Topeka, KS
- **Judy Peterein, AuD** is teaching electrophysiology testing to the audiology graduate students at PACS
- **Bob Mareing, AuD** is teaching ethics and practice management to the audiology graduate students at PACS
- **Mike Valente, PhD** is teaching a hearing aid course

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## Services:

- Washington University and Barnes Jewish Hospital continue to offer Audiology services to the **inpatients of BJH**. If you or someone you know need hearing or hearing aid services while in the hospital, please call 314-362-7489.
- **Audiology newsletters** (current and previous issues) are available online at: [www.audiology.wustl.edu](http://www.audiology.wustl.edu) Please call Jen Listenberger at: 432-4110 to add or remove your name from the newsletter notification list.

## DISCOUNTS:

- **5% BJC plus/Oasis member discount** on the purchase of new hearing aids (earmolds not included). Please tell us you are a member when ordering your new hearing aid(s) or call 314-362-

7587 to become a member today.

- **Washington University** faculty and family receive **15% discount** on the purchase of new hearing aids (earmolds not included). Please tell us if this discount applies when you are ordering your hearing aids.

## RESEARCH NEWS:

- **Baha and open-ear hearing aid study:** We are completing a study examining patients who are currently wearing a Baha on one ear and may have some high frequency hearing loss in the better ear. Our study will try to determine if adding an open-fit hearing aid on the better ear, in combination with the Baha on the poorer ear can improve speech recognition in noise and does the patient perceive significant benefit using this combination
- **Noise reduction in a BiCROS hearing aid study:** A new BICROS hearing aid was recently released with noise reduction circuitry that could help reduce discomfort in noise for BICROS users. This study will determine whether the addition of noise reduction can improve speech recognition and/or comfort in noise for the experienced BICROS user.
- **BAHA Divino study:** This study was completed this past year at our Hearing Aid Research Laboratory and reported that wearing a bone anchored hearing aid with a directional microphone significantly improved speech recognition in noise and patient benefit and will be published in the December issue of the Journal of the American Academy of Audiology.
- **Hearing in Noise Study:** “If you are having trouble hearing in noise”, are between the ages of 18 and 90 and wear hearing aids or use a cochlear implant, you may be eligible for a study being done at Washington University in the Central Institute for the Deaf building. Participation in this study consists of two visits per week for 8 weeks with two follow up visits at 3-months and 6- or 12-months. You will be paid for your time. If you are interested, please call **Elizabeth Mauze at 314-747-7181**.
- **Tinnitus Study:** There are several studies currently available for patients with tinnitus—if you are interested in more details please contact **Joyce at 314-362-7508 or Kim at 314-362-7511**.



## EXCITING NEW POSSIBILITIES WITH HEARING AIDS

Several manufacturers have or will shortly have the ability to **wirelessly connect directly into your hearing aids**. This means **telephone** and/or **television signals** may be received directly. Ask your audiologist for a demonstration. This newer technology will provide better transmission than has been previously offered to enable reception of the visual and audio from the TV in synch.

### Mobile captioned phone solutions

Do you have difficulty hearing conversation on the cell-phone even with the volume adjusted? **Blackberry and iPhone** have introduced **applications** for some of their phones which will provide **captioning and voice reception**. Check out the Hamilton Cap Tel website for more information and as well information on using web cap-tel on your computer.

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