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Division of Adult Audiology
Department of Otolaryngology
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WELCOME



Uzma Wilson, B.S., joins us as a fourth-year audiology extern at the Center for Advanced Medicine. Mrs. Wilson completed her undergraduate work in Cell & Molecular Biology at Missouri State University. She completed her audiology coursework at Missouri State University and expects to receive her Doctorate in Audiology in May 2015. Uzma's audiology interests are adult diagnostics, hearing aids, electrophysiology and research.

Akeia Mathis, joins us as a patient service representative at the **Center for Advanced Medicine**. Akeia comes to us from the Department of Otolaryngology Telecomm Sector.

Akeia is focused and dedicated to fulfilling patient care.

Kathy Garrett, joins us as a patient services representative at our **West County Office**. Mrs. Garrett has been with Wash U for 12 years and started out as a research coordinator. She is married with four beautiful daughters and two lovely grandchildren. Kathy is very excited to join our team.

STAFF NEWS

Mike Valente, PhD received the American Academy of Audiology Distinguished Achievement Award. This award recognizes exceptional educators who have been innovative in program development, areas of clinical service delivery, teaching or research. Dr. Valente certainly deserves this award and we congratulate him.

Alison Brockmeyer, Au.D.
Treasurer for Board of Missouri Academy of Audiology

Jennifer Listenberger, Au.D.
Secretary for Board of Missouri Academy of Audiology

Andrew Schuette, Au.D.
Advisory Commission for Missouri Board of Audiologists

SERVICES

Washington University and Barnes Jewish Hospital continue to offer Audiology services to BJH **inpatients**. If you, or someone you know, need hearing or hearing aid services while in the hospital, please let your physician know.

Audiology newsletters are available online at: hearing.wustl.edu
Please call Jen Listenberger at: 996 -3850 to add or remove your name from the newsletter list.

“Like” us on Facebook at **“Washington University Adult Audiology”** to stay updated on hearing aid technology, assistance devices, current legislation related to audiology, and staff news.

CLASSES

Hearing Aid Orientation

- Wed., Oct. 8th, 2014
- 1:00-2:30PM
- Center for Advanced Medicine. 3rd Floor Conference Room #1
- This is a free seminar intended to help consumers understand hearing aid options
- If you or someone you know would like to attend please call **314-362-7489**.

Tinnitus, Hyperacusis, and Misophonia: Causes, Diagnosis and Treatment

- Wed., Nov. 5th, 2014
- 2:30-4:00 PM
- 1020 N. Mason Road, Barnes West Medical Office Building # 3, 2nd Floor Conference Room
- This is a free seminar to provide information on current treatment options and research for those with ringing in the ears/sound sensitivity
- If you or someone you know would like to attend please call **314-362-7489**.

DISCOUNTS

- **15% Wash U discount** for employees and family
- **10% BJC discount** for employees and family
- **5% BJC +/-Oasis discount**, call 314-362-7587 to become a member today.
- Discounts are for purchase of your new hearing aids (earmolds and accessories not included). Please tell us if you qualify

CURRENT RESEARCH

The Hearing Aid Research Lab is currently conducting a research study examining a BICROS hearing aid that has directional microphones on the receiver (better ear) and transmitter (poorer ear). The purpose of the study is to examine whether adding directional microphones (two microphones as opposed to one) on the transmitter will help improve speech understanding in noise.

If you are interested in learning more about studies being conducted in the Hearing Aid Research Lab, call Kristi Oeding at **314-362-7496**.

EARTRAK SURVEY

In an effort to continue to provide the best care to our patients, we have partnered with Ear-Trak, an independent data consultant measuring hearing aid outcomes and patient satisfaction. The information for the online Ear-Trak study completion (paper-version available as well) is provided after a patient is satisfied with their hearing aids and completed the trial period. This data is then relayed to each audiologist to provide feedback and opportunities for improvement. More information about Ear-Trak please visit: <http://www.eartrak.com/>

DEMENTIA AND HL

A recent study published by John Hopkins Medical Center has found a link between **hearing loss and cognitive decline**. In the study, authored by Frank Lin, M.D., over 2,000 individuals were followed for six years and those with hearing loss, enough to interfere with conversation, were 24% more likely than those with normal hearing to have reduced cognitive abilities. The reason for this relationship is not yet understood and does not mean someone with hearing loss is certain to get dementia. **However, it suggests the early identification and treatment of hearing loss is more important than ever. To schedule a hearing test for yourself, friend or family member please contact one our offices:**

314-362-7489
(Center for Adv. Medicine)
314-362-7509 (West Co.)
314-747-7100 (CID clinic)

FOR OUR SNOWBIRDS

For those of you leaving us for warmer weather soon, please see us before you head south. We can ensure your hearing aid and assistive devices are in good working order and you can pick up any supplies you might need: **Dri-Brick II for Zephyr, Wax Guards, Domes, and /or Batteries**