

HAVE YOU HEARD...



Summer 2015
Division of Adult Audiology
Department of Otolaryngology
Website: hearing.wustl.edu

CLASSES

Hearing Aid Orientation

Wed., August 19, 2015

- 2:30-4:00 PM
- Siteman Cancer Center
10 Barnes West Drive
Barnes West Bldg 2;
2nd floor conference room
- This is a free seminar intended to help patients 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., Aug. 12, 2015
- 1:00-2:30 PM
- Center for Advanced Medicine. 3rd Floor Conference Room #1
- 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**.

SOCIAL MEDIA

“Like” us on Facebook at “[Washington University Adult Audiology](#)” to stay updated on hearing aid technology, assistive devices, current legislation, and research recruitment

RESEARCH NEWS

The Hearing Aid Research Laboratory is currently waiting for approval of several research studies. There are also plans to examine rechargeable batteries as well as the longevity and performance of different brands of batteries. If you are interested in learning more about our research studies, call Kristi Oeding, Au.D. at: 314-362-7496 or e-mail at: oedingk@ent.wustl.edu.

SERVICES

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

NEWSLETTERS

Available online at:

hearing.wustl.edu

Please contact Dr. Jennifer Listenberger:

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to add/remove your name from the newsletter list or to request an electronic (PDF) copy.

APPOINTMENTS

You can request an appointment on our website: hearing.wustl.edu, click on “[request an appointment](#),” then choose the location where you would like to be seen and send your preferred appt time.

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.

[PEDAL THE CAUSE](#)

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Caring for patients through the ototoxicity (medication that cause hearing loss) program for patients with cancer I have seen the advances in care and treatment. However, there is much work to be done. In order to aid the research needed to improve outcomes for those with cancer I will once again be cycling 100 miles and raising funding for research through [Pedal the Cause](#). I am inspired by the patients I have cared for as well as my parents who benefited from advances in cancer treatment and are now both cancer-free. Also, I will have the privilege of cycling alongside Don Conine, who was treated and cured by Dr. Haughey, and leads [Team Heads-Up](#) for Pedal the Cause.

The ride and training will be a considerable challenge, but nothing compared to even just an hour in the life of someone with cancer; **if you would like to contribute** please visit [my fundraising page](#). Or visit www.stlouis.pedalthecause.org and search SCHUETTE under riders.

Also, clinician and researcher, [Ravi Uppaluri, M.D.](#), and two ENT residents are participating: [Jordan Sand, M.D.](#) and [Paul Zolkind, M.D.](#)

PHONES & HEARING LOSS

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Telephone communication can be difficult for those with hearing loss (HL). Fortunately, a variety of assistive technology and accessories can improve understanding on the telephone.

Many of you may be familiar with a [telecoil](#). This is a common hearing aid feature that uses magnetic energy from a land-line phone to improve hearing. Many patients benefit from this because it allows them to hold the telephone receiver close to the hearing aid with minimal acoustic feedback (whistling).

Also, an [amplified telephone](#) can be helpful. Amplified phones allow someone with HL to have a range of volume and tone (pitch) adjustments appropriate for their HL. There are also [portable amplifiers](#) that can be plugged into any land-line phone to boost the signal.

Financial assistance for amplified and captioned telephones is available through:

[Missouri Telephone Program](#)
[Illinois Telephone Program](#)

Cell phones can connect to wireless hearing aids. Some hearing aids communicate with a Bluetooth accessory that pairs to cell phones, while others communicate directly with certain cell phones (iPhone and Android). [How to buy a cell phone when you have HL.](#)

Those with severe or profound HL and/or poor word understanding are often not able to use standard telephones. These patients benefit from visual assistance. Teletypewriters ([TTYs](#)), Voice Carry Over Phones ([VCO](#)) and Captioned Phones ([CAP-TEL](#)) allow the hearing impaired person to read the phone conversation via a relay system or a high speed internet connection.

Talk to your audiologist about the best way to improve telephone communication for you.

STUDENT CORNER

Kimberly Ledda, M.A. is an Au.D. student at Washing University.

Helen Keller said, “*The most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched, they must be felt with the heart.*” During my recent internship at the Center for Advanced Medicine, I grew clinically through the generosity of those patients who allowed me to participate in their care. Though it cannot be seen or touched, the connections I made with patients this summer under the supervision of **Drs. Brockmeyer, Peterein, and Oeding** were the most valuable part of my rotation. My personal and clinical life have been positively changed by the interactions, encouragement, and support provided by the patients I cared for this summer. My heart is full of gratitude and respect. **My internship was a reminder of why I chose the profession of audiology; to humbly serve the needs of others.**