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Division of Adult Audiology
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Kristi Oeding, AuD

Congratulations to Kristi Oeding. Kristi completed her Audiology doctorate degree from Washington University School of Medicine in 2011 and joined the staff at the Center for Advanced Medicine dividing her time between research and clinical Audiology.

STAFF NEWS:

- **Alison Brockmeyer, AuD** has joined the American Academy of Audiology's **Professional Standards Committee**.
- **Diane Duddy, AuD** serves as the 2012 Past President of the Missouri Academy of Audiology (MAA).

- Our **West County** office will start offering **Hearing Aid Orientation Classes** to address the care, use, and expectations of hearing aids. These classes are free and will be one hour in length. Our first class at West County will be on Wednesday **January 4, 2012** at 1:00 pm in the conference room in our office building. Reservations are required. Please **call 314-432-4110; push 0** and ask to make a reservation for the Hearing Aid Orientation Class. Classes are **also offered at the Center for Advanced Medicine**. Please **call 314-362-7489** to register.

- **Robert Mareing, AuD** and **Jennifer Listenberger, AuD** offer **semi-annual patient seminars** in the evening at our **West County** location. These seminars are offered to the public for patients who have hearing aids and are looking for new providers or those patients who have yet to commit to amplification. These seminars provide **education** to the patient and family members regarding the **process of hearing, how**

hearing is tested, and the process of recommending and selecting hearing aids or other appropriate assistive technology. This is a time for patients and family members to ask questions about hearing aids and the selection process. Our last seminar this year was completed on October 25. **Please look for our next seminar in the Spring.**

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 let your physician know.
- **Audiology newsletters** (current and previous issues) are available online at:
www.audiology.wustl.edu
Please call Jen Listenberger at: 432-4110 to add or remove your name from the newsletter

notification list.

- Visit our **Facebook page “Washington University Adult Audiology”** and “like” us—let us keep you up to date for current **hearing aid technology, hearing assistance devices, current legislation related to audiology, staff news, etc.**

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.

PERSPIRATION ISSUES:

Siemens and Phonak have introduced new **moisture**



resistant hearing aids that really work, ask your audiologist!

RESEARCH NEWS:

The Washington University Hearing Aid Research Laboratory has been busy completing several projects this summer and fall. The projects have included examining new **BICROS** hearing aid technology that examines whether patients prefer the newer technology that now includes noise reduction and whether patients perform better in background noise and also examining a new **bone anchored hearing aid by Oticon Medical** called the **Ponto Pro** to determine patient benefit in background noise and also perceived patient benefit. If you are interested in learning more about our research projects please contact **Kristi Oeding** at 314-362-7496 or at oedingk@ent.wustl.edu.

HEARING LOOP:

You may have seen a recent article in the New York Times describing Hearing Loop technology.

A hearing loop system consists of a thin copper wire, typically installed around the periphery of a room; this copper wire radiates electromagnetic signals received from an amplifier. The amplifier may receive signals from various audio devices such as televisions, telephones, stereo sound systems, microphones or computers.

The electromagnetic signals are then picked up via the telecoil

(a tiny receiver) located within most hearing aids.

No need to wear a receiver, no need to remove the hearing aids just locate yourself within the looped area and switch your hearing aids to the t-coil setting and hear the input of the sound source without the inter-



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Switch hearing aid to T-coil

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ference of background noise or reverberation.

Loop your home and hear your television at your preferred volume without annoying others.

The CAM and CID locations have hearing loop systems installed, just ask your audiologist for a demonstration or for more information.