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What is ConnectLine and Streamer Pro?

(from www.oticon.com/products)

ConnectLine is the ideal complement to Oticon hearing aids, empowering you to participate more actively in practically all situations. ConnectLine is a series of devices that help you to connect to a wide variety of communication and entertainment applications – transforming your hearing aids into a personal wireless headset. ConnectLine enhances communication across the board. Face-to-face conversations are clearer and easier to control. Watching TV, listening to music, video chatting and talking on the phone are simpler than ever before.

Streamer Pro is the gateway to the ConnectLine system and is worn around the neck. When hearing aids are linked to Streamer Pro, practically any audio source can be transmitted through Streamer Pro to the hearing aids using a wireless Bluetooth connection or a mini jack cable.

Come into the office for a demonstration of ConnectLine products and see how they can change the way you talk on the phone, watch TV, listen to music, and much more!

Search for Alber Hearing Services at www.healthyhearing.com and read our reviews (or write one)!

May Is Better Hearing & Speech Month

(from www.msu.edu/~comdis/bhsm/)

- For over 75 years May has been designated as Better Hearing and Speech Month -- a time to raise public awareness, knowledge, and understanding of the various forms of communication impairments to include those of hearing, speech, language, and voice. Communication impairments affect the most vulnerable in our society -- the young, the aged, the disabled, and the poor.
- Helen Keller once noted that of all her impairments, she was perhaps troubled most by her lack of speech and hearing. She elaborated, that while blindness separated her from things, her lack of speech and hearing separated her from people -- the human connection of communication.
- An estimated 28 million Americans have a hearing loss that can be treated; yet fewer than 7,000,000 use a hearing aid. You could be one of them. Now is a good time to take stock of your own hearing and seek help if you think you may have a problem.
- You may have a hearing loss if you:
 - frequently ask people to repeat themselves.
 - often turn your ear toward a sound to hear it better.
 - understand people better when you wear your glasses or look directly at their faces.
 - lose your place in group conversations.
 - keep the volume on your radio or TV at a level that others say is too loud.
 - have pain or ringing in your ears.
- “People who see themselves in these statements should see an audiologist for a hearing test. Even a very slight hearing loss can have an impact on your daily life. Hearing loss is treatable, and there is no reason for anyone to miss all the important sounds of life,” said Dr. Jerry Punch of the Department of Communicative Sciences & Disorders.
- Call our office today at (413) 774-0100 to schedule a hearing test if you suspect you might have hearing loss.

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Your hearing is such a vital part of how you communicate with others, yet it's all too easy to underestimate the importance of checking at least annually to make sure your hearing and hearing aids are in their best working order and that you're hearing as well as you can. Please don't hesitate to call our office if you've notice any changes in how you're hearing. Feel free to stop by at your convenience Tuesday through Friday between 9 and 4:30 and have us check and/or clean your hearing aids. We can also check to see when you're due for your annual reassessment and schedule an appointment.