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How can I troubleshoot my hearing aid?

The number one cause of hearing aid failure is ear wax debris in the speaker opening of the hearing aid, where it goes into your ear. If your hearing aid stops working, first check this part of the hearing aid to be sure that it is free of any ear wax or other debris. Hearing aids should be inspected and cleaned daily to prevent problems.

The second most common cause of hearing aid failure is a depleted or weak battery. Test your battery or replace it with a fresh battery.

If you have cleaned the hearing aid and replaced the battery but it continues to malfunction, walk-in repair service is available Tuesdays – Fridays between 9 and 4.

More than half of the people with hearing loss are younger than age 65. Hearing loss is the third most common health problem in the U.S.

Have you had your annual hearing test?

Many people tend to underestimate the importance of having their annual hearing test. It's all too easy to forget how long it's been since your last exam, or to assume that everything is status quo....but your hearing can continue to change over time. For that reason, it's advisable to have your hearing re-assessed periodically.

Do you wear hearing aids regularly? Do you tend to assume that if your hearing aids are functioning, you don't need to do anything further? Your annual exam will assess any changes in your hearing and, if necessary, Lisa will adjust your hearing aids accordingly. An added benefit is confirmation that your hearing aids are working properly, as well as an opportunity to replenish supplies such as domes, wax filters, or batteries.

As always, Lisa's goal is to make sure that you're hearing as well as you can. Please contact our office and be sure you're not overdue for your annual hearing test!

Do you know....someone who might benefit from a free hearing screening? Please share this newsletter or have them call our office! 😊



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Pets and Hearing Aids Don't Always Mix

Do you have a pet that can be a bit curious and/or mischievous? To a cat, hearing aids can be a fun "toy" to play with or maybe even hide. To a puppy, especially, hearing aids can be an intriguing thing to chew on. It's not unusual for me to see 5 or 6 instances in a year where a beloved pet has been responsible for either a major repair or a replacement of hearing aid(s)!

Batteries can also pose a hazard for pets, in the event they are swallowed. It's a best practice to keep your hearing aids and supplies in a safe place, inaccessible to your pets. Much easier on your checkbook, too! ☺