



Hearing & Audiology Newsletter Autumn/Winter 2012



Funny Bits

'Jerry' was having trouble locating his hearing aid one morning when he heard its distinctive whistle sound. He proceeded to follow the sound, however it appeared to be coming from different places as though it was moving. As his lovable dog got closer so did the sound! And Jerry discovered the dog's new chew toy was in fact his hearing aid. Thankfully it was the sound that was most fun so the hearing aid is still working it just has a couple of tooth marks!



We now have a collection point at our Subiaco rooms for you to dispose of your used batteries in an environmentally friendly way.



Welcome

Welcome to the Autumn edition of our newsletter. As always we have new hearing aid releases as well as some trouble shooting tips. You can sign up to receive our newsletter online at www.hearingandaudiology.com.au where we also update hearing aids as they are launched.

New water resistant hearing aid

Phonak has released two new dust and water resistant hearing aids. One a slim behind the ear model and the other a power receiver in the ear. This allows us to fit a more severe hearing loss and they are available in standard, advanced and premium models. Both have a IP67 rating which means neither 8 hours of exposure to dust nor submersion in water up to 1 metre for 30 minutes causes damage. This gives you the chance to let go and live life freely come rain or shine!



Tinnitus

We now have several products available in the assessment and treatment of Tinnitus. OSIM sound generators have been researched and developed to provide a soothing relaxing atmosphere providing relief from the incessant noise and lending to more restful sleep. We have limited stock available at our Subiaco rooms.

Testing of very high frequencies provides valuable information when assessing Tinnitus so we use specialised equipment from Siemens to access this information. Siemens have also developed a sound generator component to some of their existing hearing product range providing you with hearing aid benefits as well as soothing sounds to minimize the annoying effects of tinnitus.

Hearing and Audiology clinicians have expanded their tinnitus training to include Neuromonics. Neuromonics is a research based program that uses engineered high frequency sound specific to your hearing loss and has up to a 90% success rate in suitable candidates. Both the American and Australian governments have approved it for Veterans use. It is for those individuals who have significant tinnitus affecting their daily life. A special tinnitus assessment is required before treatment can be recommended. Please ring us for further information.

**For ongoing updates on the latest technology please go to our website:
www.hearingandaudiology.com.au**

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Update on SoundLens

We conducted a trial of the new Starkey 'invisible-in-the-ear' (IIC) hearing aid SoundLens in Geraldton and had an overwhelming response. Clients were delighted by the look, feel and sound of this aid which sits a lot further down the ear canal to traditional in the ear hearing aids. We were surprised by the number of people that were suitable for this device. We will be launching a new trial in Subiaco soon with Duncraig to follow. Call us if you would like more information.

SOUNDLens™
Featuring Voice iQ



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Tips for moisture problems

Moisture and electronics don't mix which is why many hearing aid manufacturers now have moisture resistant hearing aids. Accidental exposure to water from the shower, rain or sea spray requires prompt action. Take the battery out and dry the hearing aid. Place in a dri-aid kit overnight and replace the battery.

Moisture problems such as excessive sweat can cause hearing aids to operate intermittently. If there is moisture in the tubing of the mould or tip of a behind the ear hearing aid this will block the sound reaching the ear. If moisture trickles into the microphone the sound may block off. Hearing aid batteries are activated by oxygen so if they are starved of oxygen due to moisture the hearing aid will cut out. A dri-aid kit is designed to absorb the moisture and will prolong the life of your hearing aid. If you have one use it every night or think about purchasing one as they start at \$15.



Congratulations

We are excited to announce two arrivals to the Hearing and Audiology family. Kerryn and Graham welcomed Zara Angelique Bell on the 27th September 2011. Zara is a sister to big brother Sebastian. Gabe and Daleth welcomed a bubbly 9 pound Boy Floyd Yong Sobon on 4th October 2011. Both families are enjoying this special time.



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