

## Current Hearing Aid Technology

Hearing aid technology has grown leaps and bounds over the past several years! Manufacturers are constantly conducting research to develop new and innovative technology to help improve your hearing.

Current hearing aids offer fully digital technology. You can choose an automatic volume control, multiple programs for different listening environments, and even wireless connectivity to your cell phone, TV or iPod!

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## Current Hearing Aid Styles

**In-The-Ear (ITE):** This traditional style is still available in many sizes, from an almost invisible deep-fitted hearing aid to a larger, more visible full shell hearing aid.

**Behind-The-Ear (BTE):** This style can be used with a more traditional custom mold that fits in the ear or as a current open-fit style with a slim tube.

*Please Note: Smaller hearing aids will require battery changes more often due to their size.*

## Notes:



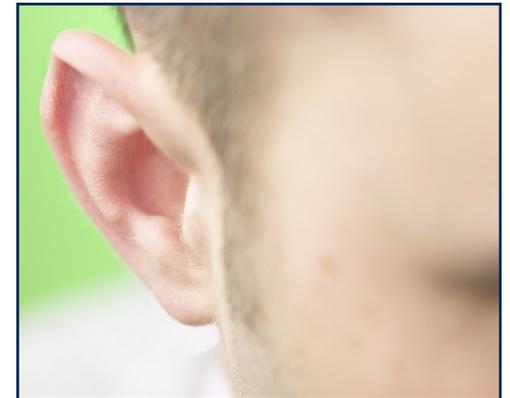
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# Hearing Aids

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## Solutions for your Hearing Loss

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## Do I need hearing aids?

Do you have difficulty hearing others? If you do, you will first need to have your hearing evaluated by a licensed Audiologist to determine if you have hearing loss. The Audiologist will let you know if hearing aids are recommended.

## Are two hearing aids better than one?

Two hearing aids are usually recommended for optimal hearing. Although some people do just fine with one hearing aid, it can actually make it more difficult to hear in some listening environments. Your Audiologist will help you determine what is best for you.

## Can I try hearing aids before I decide to purchase them?

**At our ENT office, we offer a 30-day trial period with the hearing aids.** We do require payment up front; however, if you decide that hearing aids are not for you, they can be returned. A re-stocking fee is applied per hearing aid returned.

## Do hearing aids come with a warranty?

Yes! Most manufacturers will offer a 1 or 2-year repair warranty along with a 1-year replacement coverage.

## How long do hearing aids last?

Hearing aid manufacturers will tell you hearing aids last about 5-8 years. As with most electronics, they will typically last much longer if they are well cared for.

## How do I take care of my hearing aids?

The Audiologist will discuss the care and maintenance of your hearing aids during your fitting. Although caring for and maintaining hearing aids is not difficult, it does require a slight change in lifestyle.

## Does my insurance cover the cost of hearing aids?

Some insurance companies do have a hearing aid benefit stating that they will pay all or a portion of the cost. You can contact the insurance company or the Audiologist can contact them for you to verify the benefits prior to the purchase of hearing aids.

## How much do hearing aids cost?

The cost of hearing aids really depends on individual needs and wants. **At our office, prices for low, mid, and high-level hearing aids typically fall in the \$1025-\$4700 range.**

## Where can I buy batteries for my hearing aids?

We offer all sizes of hearing aid batteries here at our office. You can also purchase batteries at any pharmacy for your convenience.

## Are there any options for me other than hearing aids?

Yes! Some individuals feel they communicate well with others, but have difficulty hearing in specific situations.

For example, one may have difficulty hearing the television or hearing on the telephone. There are specially designed assistive devices available to help you in those situations. Ask your Audiologist what options are appropriate for you.