

Regular
hearing
checkups are
just as
important as
all the other
checkups we
all need
periodically



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When is it time to see an audiologist?



- ✓ Does speech on the telephone sometimes seem unclear?
- ✓ Does it seem as though people often mumble?
- ✓ Is it difficult to understand speech in noisy environments?
- ✓ Do you have to turn the TV volume up to hear?
- ✓ Do you experience a ringing or buzzing in your ears?
- ✓ Is it hard to understand speech at meetings or in church?
- ✓ Do you have to strain to hear when someone whispers?
- ✓ Do you feel you often have to watch a speaker's lips in order to understand what is being said?

What is an audiologist?

An audiologist is a health care professional who specializes in the evaluation and treatment of hearing and balance disorders. All audiologists have completed at least a master's degree in the field of audiology. Audiologists are certified by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

What will the audiologist do?

To begin, the audiologist will evaluate your hearing. Once the degree and nature of this hearing loss is determined, the audiologist will provide you with the appropriate recommendations.

If the test results suggest that there may be a medical problem with your ears, the audiologist will refer you to an ear, nose and throat doctor for a medical evaluation.

If results indicate that a hearing aid is needed, the audiologist will discuss different options with you.

Things you should know about hearing aids . . .

- ✓ **If you have nerve damage, chances are you can wear a hearing aid.** Although most people have been told that nerve damage can not be treated, it can usually be helped by hearing aids.
- ✓ **Size isn't everything.** The smallest hearing aids are not necessarily the "best" and are not appropriate for everyone.
- ✓ **No hearing aid is perfect.** Even the best hearing aid does not replace normal hearing.
- ✓ **Properly fit hearing aids are comfortable and helpful.** Too many hearing aids end up in a dresser drawer due to problems that are solvable. Hearing aid users should always feel

comfortable voicing their
concerns to their audiologist.