WEARING & USING A HEARING AMPLIFIER

Tips

People learn at a different rate. Some people need a week or two to adjust to their hearing amplifiers and others may need a few months. Medical studies show that your brain requires approximately 21 days to adjust to your new Hearing Amplifier. We recommend that you wear your unit for a few hours on the first day and gradually increasing the time over a period of one week. Eventually, you will be wearing them most of the waking hours.

Squealing and Feedback

Feedback occurs when the sound coming out of the ear tip or dome returns to the microphone and is re-amplified. The most common cause is excessively high volumes. We recommend setting the volume no higher than level 8 and choosing Memory Program 3. Alternatively, you may use a closed dome which should eliminate all feedback.

Realistic Expectations

The first thing many new users notice is that sounds seem strange. Remember that even the best hearing aids are not as good as natural hearing, so sounds aren't completely normal, much as your voice doesn't sound the same on a tape recorder or a telephone as it does in person. Your own voice may sound deeper to you than normal. Another reason some sounds will seem odd is that you'll probably be hearing things that you haven't heard in a long time.
You may also be more aware of your footsteps, your car's motor, the sounds you make as you chew your food, and just about any other environmental noise. With time, your brain will get better at tuning out unwanted noise. The more you wear your hearing amplifier, the more easily your brain will adjust to the changes.

Although background sounds will seem louder than before, you may find that the hearing amplifier doesn't do one of the things you hoped that it would: help you understand all the words you've been missing in conversations. You should be able to understand more words with the hearing device than without. But wearing a hearing amplifier won't guarantee that you'll catch every single word. Hearing every word isn't necessary. The goal is for you to be able to follow conversation easily in various environments.

Memory Program 2 has been designed to reduce background noise but even the most expensive hearing device will not work in an extremely noisy restaurant. In a very loud restaurant we recommend switching to Program 2 and reducing the volume.

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