

BeyondHearingAids Newsletter



Bringing ALD Solutions to Professionals and Consumers

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The goal of this newsletter is to provide tools, resources and information to help professionals recommend ALDs.

Our **BeyondHearingAids** line of materials provides technical training and unique tools to help you work with ALDs more effectively.

Upcoming Schedule:

Mar 26/27 - KY Vocational Rehabilitation Training, Frankfort, KY

Apr 10-12 - PEPNet Conference, Exhibiting, Kansas City, MO

May 16-18 - Mid-America Conference on Hearing - Presenting, Louisville, KY

June 11 - National Voc. Rehab State Coordinators Meeting, Presenting, Washington, DC

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AMPHL – Association of Medical Professionals with Hearing Losses

Becky has been elected to a 3 year term on the board of directors for AMPHL. AMPHL is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide information, advocacy and mentoring for individuals with hearing loss working in health care fields. Members represent the fields of human and veterinary medicine, nursing, pharmacy, optometry, psychology, dentistry and audiology.

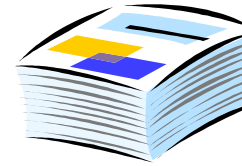
AMPHL strives to educate those who interact with medical professionals and students with hearing losses in the classroom and workplace. The website www.amphl.org contains excellent information for students entering the health care fields and maintains an active electronic mail list server, NOISE, Network for Overcoming Increased Silence Effectively. AMPHL offers support and mentoring for the unique and significant challenges faced by people with hearing loss in the medical fields by professionals with similar experiences.



Association of Medical Professionals
With Hearing Losses

Spread the word to your clients about AMPHL and their upcoming conference. **TBA**

A personal note: Thanks to all who offered support and prayers while I was ill. Final prognosis was pertussis (adult whooping cough) and after missing 2 ½ months of work, I'm back full time. Here's to Spring ☺
Becky



Taking Care Of Business

Resource Guide owners and No-Fuss-ALD program members should have received an updated price list and telephone product sheets for the XL40 and XL50, CL40 Cordless phone and the Crescendo phones.

New TV Listening System product sheets will be coming out next. We are also working on the comparison charts for both phones and TV listening systems so that you have the specs in an easy-to-read and compare format. We think these charts will help you make a more informed choice.



Popular ALD Listening Option:

The Stetoclip

Several audiologists have commented recently on the success they have using the PockeTalker in nursing home settings. They use a stetoclip option rather than the traditional headphones. The stetoclip slips under the chin. The ear pads are flanged, mushroom shaped clear flexible plastic that are comfortable and allow for better sound transmission without feedback. Try a set: Item# AT063



New Products

Q90 Portable TTY



The Q90 portable TTY from Ameriphone is now available through ECS. It has a full size keyboard, large high-contrast 2 line display with tilting display for easy viewing. Built-in microphone for VCO calls. Sticky keys for one handed typing. Includes connecting cord to many cell/cordless phones. AM-Q90 - \$249.95

New and Updated Products

Ameriphone XL25S is a speech amplified telephone. It will increase the outgoing voice signal up to 20dB. AM-XL25S – \$99.95

Stethos Electronic Stethoscope is now called the PES – Philips Electronic Stethoscope. It has been redesigned with a sleeker shape and easier to manipulate control. The price remains the same and is currently still under item# STETHOS.

New Guidance is now available from the ACCESS board on assistive listening systems.

A series of technical bulletins has been developed that explain the different types of systems available and provides guidance on their use and installation. They are available on the Board's website, www.access-board.gov or by calling 800-872-2253 voice, 800-993-2822 tty.

IN THE NEWS – a press release dated 1/2/02

Plantronics, Inc., (NYSE:PLT) announced that it has acquired privately held Ameriphone, Inc. ("Ameriphone") of Garden Grove, CA. Ameriphone is a leading supplier of amplified telephones and other solutions to address the needs of individuals with hearing impairment and other special needs. Ameriphone will join Plantronics' Walker Division, a leading supplier of amplified telephones, specialty handsets and communication test equipment, in serving the special needs market.

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Effective Communication Solutions, Inc. meets the needs of professionals who work with people with hearing loss. They provide practical, knowledgeable support and training on ALDs. ECS, Inc. leads the industry in technical training, sales and support of ALDs to vocational rehabilitation counselors, hearing instrument specialists, audiologists and other professionals who must choose and use assistive technology.

