

Beyond Hearing Aids Newsletter

Helping Professionals Provide Successful Solutions with ALDs

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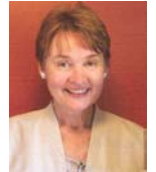
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Becky Morris, President

Check Out Judy's Blog!



A note from Judy:

My goal is to write blogs that are engaging, honest, passionate, and chock full of accurate information and surprising insights.

On the BHA website (www.beyondhearingaids.com) there's an "Ask Judy" link where web dwellers regularly stop by to ask questions, comment, or just chat about whatever is on their minds. The latest question came from a student in India who asked about assistive listening devices. We have readers from around the world!

If you are hungry for information about hearing loss issues and the latest hearing technology solutions, you'll find it here. I welcome your input and look forward to hearing from you. Here are a few blogs you won't want to miss:

Blog 2: Denial Serves a Purpose

This blog features a link to Dr. Deborah Gough's powerful presentation "What is Lost is Found." Dr. Gough raises the perplexing question "Does acceptance (as in everything is OK now) ever really exist?"

Blog 5: Understanding Audiograms

Learn how to read audiograms by checking out some of the best audiogram links on the net. Armed with this knowledge, you can easily talk the audiologist's language to get the most out of your digital hearing aids. Blog 7 tells you how.

Blog 7: Digital Hearing Aids: Learning the Language of Sound

Do screaming children make you want to join the convent? This is a loud high frequency sound – your audi may want to bring down 3 and 4K. Keep your digital hearing aids tweaked for maximum performance!

Blog 10: FM Magic

With these wav files, you can hear what it sounds like to listen through an FM system in a noisy room.

Blog 11: The ADA: Alive and Well?

This is a light-hearted look at my experience asking for an assistive listening device in historic Williamsburg, VA. Is the ADA (The Americans With Disabilities Act) alive and well? My diagnosis: It's alive but not well.

Blog 12: Using ALS with Hearing Aids

Three demo videos showing exactly how to switch your hearing aid to telecoil, attach a neckloop, and extend the microphone on a personal amplifier.

New! ELI (Ear-Level Instrument)

The ELI is one of the most fascinating and potentially useful devices on the market today. It is an audio Bluetooth device that allows you to wirelessly connect your hearing aid to a growing assortment of Bluetooth enabled communication and entertainment devices – most importantly digital cell phones.

When a call comes in, it rings through your hearing aid via the ELI module, instead of ringing from the phone. To answer, you simply press the button on the ELI module. If the caller hangs up, ELI recognizes that the call is finished and disconnects automatically. If you want to hang up, you press the ELI module button. The microphone on the bottom of the ELI module picks up your voice so that you need your cell phone only when dialing.

ELI lets you:

- Talk on your mobile phone for up to 2.5 hours
- Enjoy a conversation without feedback and the buzz of mobile phone interference in hearing aids
- Listen to your TV, computer, or music without a wired connection
- Attach the ELI to a neckloop if you have telecoils but not DAI capability



The ELI audio Bluetooth device



BTE hearing aid connected to ELI



Clarity Cordless Phone C4205

New! The Clarity Professional 2.4 GHz Cordless Telephone

It's important that amplified phones make the conversation loud enough for you to hear. But clarity is just as important as loudness for people with a hearing loss. This new phone amplifies incoming sounds up to 40 dB while using high-end hearing aid technology to ensure that you hear clearly. It makes soft sounds audible while keeping loud sounds bearable.

Here are a few additional features that make this a versatile phone:

- Three tone settings to optimize your ability to hear well
- Bright visual ringer in both the handset and base
- Vibrating handset ringer so that you can feel the ring instead of hear it
- A 3.5 mm neckloop jack and 2.5 mm headset jack

Clearsounds A50 Amplified Cordless Phone

The new Clearsounds A50 amplified cordless phone has all the features many people want, 50 dB gain, caller-ID and sleek looking design. We have shipped several of these and have found that there are problems with a few. We will be testing any other phones we send out until we know they are stable. It's disappointing that there are problems, but we remain hopeful.



Clearsounds A50 cordless phone



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