

Beyond Hearing Aids Newsletter

Helping Professionals Provide Successful Solutions with ALDs

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**6/1 thru 6/4
Rochester, NY
Nat'l State Coordinators
Conference**

**6/13 Eastern KY Univ
Transition Program**

**6/25 thru 6/26
Louisville, KY
Mid-American
Conference on Hearing**

President's Message

Becky Morris, president

Important News!

In this issue, please read the important bulletin about the problems interfacing Cardionics Escape amplified stethoscope to BTE hearing aids with silhouettes (HATIS) and direct audio input (DAI).

There is also information about the new WebCapTel service and the hearing aid tax credit website. As always, we've included hot-off-the-press product change information.

Here's some good news: The RingMax Phone Ringer is reduced in price. It is our most popular ring signaler and allows you to easily increase the telephone ringer volume, then set the tone and warble to a pitch that's best for you. New Price: \$39.

Escape Stethoscope with BTE Hearing Aids

We have been trying to interface Cardionics Escape amplified stethoscopes to BTE hearing aids with silhouettes and direct audio input.

Cardionics is working with some hearing aid companies testing their hearing aids. They were surprised by the results and at this time do not recommend using Direct Audio Input (DAI) or Silhouettes (HATIS) to deliver sound to BTE hearing aids without audiologist approval.

Tests show the sound coming out of the hearing aid is distorted sound because of the size of the hearing aid speaker. If the hearing aid program attenuates sounds or does not feature good low frequency response then the hearing aid may not be able to deliver accurate sound.

At this time, they recommend BTE users to either remove the hearing aids and use the clinical model scope or use vented earmolds (or open earmolds) with the belt-clip model stethoscope and headphones. I will keep you informed as testing continues of new findings or further recommendations. I do have the technical reports available if you would like a faxed copy.

Hearing Aid Tax Credit Website

Better Hearing Institute (BHI) recently unveiled its Hearing Aid Tax Credit Website and wants your help getting the word out to all of your patients and clients. People over 55 and under 18 can get a \$1000 tax credit. BHI suggests you tell your clients the following: *"Your Congressman and Senators are considering a proposal to provide you with a tax credit for hearing aid treatment. They need to hear that you support this idea now! Visit www.hearingaidtaxcredit.org."*



Now Available! WebCapTel Service



WebCapTel Service Began March 2008

When you use WebCapTel service, no special equipment is needed. All you need is a desk phone (cordless phone or cell phone) and a desktop or laptop computer

with internet connection. You can make and receive captioned phone calls with voice carry over (VCO). This means anyone can access captioned calls at work without the need for analog phone lines or any other equipment. This new service will provide access to many people with hearing loss. See www.sprintcaptel.com for more information.

Product Changes!

ClearSounds Telephones Now GeeMarc Telephones

The GeeMarc company recently replaced the ClearSounds family of telephones. You will soon see the updated price list with all the changes. If you wish to purchase a Clearsounds telephone, please call us and we'll tell you about the replacement. The phones are essentially the same.

GeeMarc is the original manufacturer of the products that were under the ClearSounds name. Part numbers include: HC-AEC, HC-CSC40-W, HC-CSC40-B, HC-CSC50-W, HC-CSC50-B, HT-CSIL40, CS-CLA7

Sonic Alert: New Doorbell Model!

Sonic Alert redesigned their transmitter/doorbell (new model #SA-DB100TM) so that it is smaller than the current DB100T transmitter/doorbell model. Mount the new, smaller transmitter/doorbell and use as a wireless button or attach to a chime box if you have an existing doorbell system.

However, you can't use this new, smaller transmitter/doorbell with an intercom system. If you have an intercom system, order the original transmitter/doorbell (DB100T) as a separate purchase.

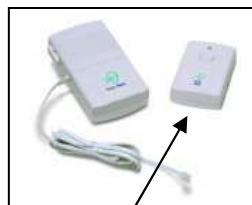
The Sonic Alert doorbell systems flash your lamp to let you know the doorbell is ringing. It requires no wires and installs in seconds.

Products Discontinued (or While Supplies Last!)

Clarity C440 amplified cordless phone (AMER-C440)

Clarity C510 amplified corded phone (CL-C510)

Walker/Clarity corded amplified phone (WE-1100)



Transmitter/doorbell smaller on new model



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