

Beyond Hearing Aids Newsletter

Helping Professionals Provide Successful Solutions with ALDs

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March/ April Schedule

3/5/2005 Lexington, KY
KSHA 2005 Convention on
Communication Disorders
Presenting:
Assistive Listening Devices –
What's New and What's Tried
and True? Becky Morris

4/9/2005 Columbus, OH
COHEAR Columbus SHHH
Chapter Meeting
Presenting:
Hearing Assistive Devices:
What's Right For You?
Judy Vinegar

Everyone's welcome to attend!

President's Message

Becky Morris, President

Choosing the Right Telephone

I think the greatest challenge we face at Beyond Hearing Aids is helping you find the right telephone solution for your clients. The variety of phone options now available to us is like a double-edged sword. There are so many new phones on the market that we should be able to meet each client's needs. We just need to do our research.

You'll find handy telephone charts in the catalog and resource guide. We'll also be spending the next few issues highlighting choices for home phones, office phones, headsets and cell phones. Thanks for allowing us to be your number one telephone resource.

Preventing Phone Phobia

One of the leading reasons why people with hearing loss are fired, choose to quit, or take early retirement is their inability to effectively communicate over the telephone. People with hearing loss often hate to use the phone because they are uncertain of their ability to understand the person on the other end of the line. There are a variety of ways to increase effective telephone communication. The following are just a few:

- Know who's calling
- Listen with both ears
- Tune out background noise



ClearSounds 40XLC with Caller ID

Simply knowing who's calling gives a great advantage. People with hearing loss know that it is easier to understand a conversation if they have some idea what it's about. Since Caller ID is not always available on amplified phones, it is a pleasant surprise to see that the ClearSounds 40XLC has Caller ID with all the bells and whistles.



ClearSounds 40XLC

The large, blue back-lighted Caller ID display tilts to make it easy to read. Plus, you can adjust the contrast on the LCD screen to darken or lighten the display. Together, these features make the Caller ID on this phone one of the best.

Listening with both ears (binaurally) is easy since the ClearSounds 40XLC comes with amplified audio jacks to plug in a neckloop, headphones, silhouettes or earbuds. Using these accessories also helps diminish background noises. Check out our catalog for this phone's other great features. HT-CS40XLC \$159.95

More Ways to Listen Binaurally and Reduce Background Noise

What if the phone does not have an audio jack to plug in accessories (such as a neckloop or earbuds)? There are still ways that your client can listen with both ears. If the phone is modular (the keypad is in the base of the phone) these two devices can create highly amplified phones with the option of listening binaurally:

- SoundWizard II with Teleconnect Package HT-SW2TCPKG \$199 (If you add additional speakers you can create a powerful speakerphone)
- Williams Sound Telelink Telephone Coupler WS-TEL001 \$65 along with the PockeTalker Pro (without the accessories shown) WS-PKTPRO1-0 \$169



**SoundWizard II
Teleconnect Package**



**WilliamsSound
Telelink**



**PockeTalker Pro
with Accessories**

Just connect the SoundWizard II personal amplifier with Teleconnect or the PockeTalker Pro personal amplifier with Telelink to the telephone. Now the personal amplifier can amplify the call and give your client the option of using a neckloop, dual earbuds, silhouettes, or headphones to listen with both ears. The difference in clarity is astounding!



**WS Telelink and unidentified personal amplifier
connected to a phone**

AT&T 958 with Speakerphone

Some people with hearing loss who want to listen with both ears prefer using a speakerphone. The hands-down best speakerphone is the AT&T 958. It has been replaced with the AT&T 959 model that isn't as clear or loud. If the AT&T 959 isn't good enough, we have 18 of the AT&T 958 models available for those folks who really need it. Check out our catalog to see all the other great features that come with this phone. **ATT959 - \$39.95 (same price as the ATT958)**



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