

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 be more successful in recommending ALDs.

Upcoming Schedule:

5/14 – Louisville Derbytown SHHH group meeting

5/17-5/20 – Mid-America Conference on Hearing, Presenting and exhibiting, Louisville, KY

6/10-6/13 – National Training Conference for State Coordinators of the Deaf/Deaf-Blind/Hard-of-Hearing/Late Deafened, Presenting, Gallaudet University, Washington, DC

7/20-7/21 – AMPHL – Assoc. of Medical Professionals with Hearing Losses convention near Dayton, OH, presenting and exhibiting

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Oticon System III remote microphone system

– This isn't a new product, it's an old reliable product that just doesn't get much press. If you are working with someone without an Oticon hearing aid, then you'll need to order the boot from the hearing aid manufacturer.

The system consists of a remote microphone with lapel clip and a 6 foot DAI cord. The swivel clip allows the microphone to set on the table top. It also comes with a 17 foot cord so you can place the microphone further away. It's a great system for under \$120.

We've begun carrying these so if you would like to try a system for a patient or client, just let us know. We've recently found this system useful for a nursing home resident with profound loss and a tire technician who needed a low cost amplifier.

Direct Audio Input . . .

How often do you consider it? If you are working with an individual with severe to profound hearing loss and have fitted them with power BTE aids and feel there's nothing left to do, you may want to test direct audio input.

If they have high communication demands, an FM system may be the most useful device. But if they only have demand for one-on-one conversations, especially if they are older, a remote microphone system like the Oticon System III may be just the ticket for a low cost personal system.

DAI may be a godsend to your clients with severe-to-profound loss, especially if they are still using their hearing aids and have difficulty in one-on-one situations.

Good news is always in style.....



Betty Timon has just been honored by the Oticon Focus on People Awards as the national winner in the advocacy category. She lives in my home-town in Northern Kentucky and is an extraordinary person with boundless energy and enthusiasm. She inspires everyone she meets to do what's right for all the right reasons. The deaf and hard of hearing communities in Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio have benefited from her efforts. (I'm extra excited because I nominated her! ☺) Watch for the press releases in upcoming industry journals.

Congratulations, Betty!

Premier of new No-Fuss ALD "Updater"

No-Fuss ALD program members asked for manufacturer materials and more frequent correspondence. We listened. The new monthly *Updater* is designed to bring you the latest news on promotions, products and pricing.

This monthly format supplements the information in this newsletter and provides more timely information sharing.

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New Products

The Interpreter Mirror

The Consumer Sees . . .



And the interpreter sees this in the mirror while still facing the consumer...



Relief for Sign Language Interpreters

I just saw this cutting edge device at the PEPNet Conference. It is a free-standing pair of adjustable mirrors that provide a true image of whatever is occurring behind the user. Usually interpreters are positioned facing the audience, with their backs to the presenter. They can develop whiplash-like pains by twisting their necks to view essential visual information to which speakers refer (typically from an overhead projector). This ingenious device ensures a smoother flow of communication with less strain and stress. We are offering the Interpreter Mirror Basic Package that includes the mirror assembly and tripod with case for \$279.00. Call us for more information.

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COMTEK AT-216 FM System



Comtek has designed a new generation of personal FM systems that enhances today's new high performance clarity of the FM signal (when operating on the narrow band, high fidelity channels 41-60). A higher signal to noise ratio plus a higher frequency response of the FM signal work together to maximize the performance of hearing aids, cochlear implants or earphones, according to the manufacturer.

We now carry Comtek FM systems, both the standard AT-72 Personal Companion Kit as well as the new AT-216 Digitally Synthesized FM system. The AT-216 also offers the "EnviroMic" microphone. Refer to our online store for pricing or refer to our new FM brochure. If you don't have your copy yet, call today.

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 choose and use assistive technology.