

Communication Goals

Patient Name: _____ Patient #: _____
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We look forward to your visit on _____ at _____

Hearing aids are the very best method to improve the communication function of most of us suffering from hearing loss. Hearing aids cannot restore our hearing to normal. However, they can offer tremendous benefit in terms of solving the problems created by hearing loss in day-to-day living. Hearing aids are really solutions to problems. Thinking in these terms, we need to define your specific problems. No one else shares exactly the same hearing experience as you. So now is the time to start thinking about exactly what problems you would like to solve. If you currently wear hearing aids, you should complete this form thinking about how you hear with your current aids. Your goals should reflect your current hearing status.

Consider situations where you struggle. We are most interested in your top five problem areas, but feel free to note as many as you think of. Be specific. Feel free to name particular people you struggle to hear and in which environments. Here are some examples:

- I make the TV louder than my partner likes when we watch together.
- I have a weekly brunch with 4 friends. I have a hard time keeping up with the conversation at the restaurant.
- My job requires me to network at large conventions. It's hard to hear others during the social portion of these events.
- I have a weekly staff meeting of 15 people. I struggle to hear those at the opposite end of the table.
- I have trouble understanding Janet at my book group, or Sandy at Mahjong, or Randall at my bridge game.
- I stopped attending my art lecture because I have trouble hearing the instructor.
- I often have to ask my supervisor to repeat instructions at work.
- I have trouble hearing when using my cell phone or my land line.
- I hear the music well at symphony, but the lecture before is difficult to understand.
- I don't hear well at the movie theater or live theater.
- I watch my grandchildren a few days each week. They have to repeat most of what they say to me.

Give your specific hearing challenges some thought and record them below.

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