

Do You Hear Me Know?

## Solutions for Hearing Loss

So now that you are aware that you may be experiencing some hearing loss, let's discuss the many options for treating the loss. You might be surprised by the technological advances hearing devices have made to improve clarity and comfort – along with other features which may impress you.

For instance, Oticon Opn's are the first hearing devices proven to work in harmony with the brain to help people hear better with less effort and to remember more of what is being said. Opn users can also connect to a TV box, so they can listen to the TV through their hearing aids, which is exciting for family members – the volume does not have to be turned up to 50+.

There's also the capability of devices connecting to an app on your iPhone so you can raise and lower the volume with the touch of the screen; devices are now Bluetooth compatible, which means you can answer your phone and listen to anything audio via your devices.

In addition, there are also CapTel phones that are free and allow you to listen to the caller, amplify the sounds, and read the captions on the screen display. Just like the captions on TV only for your phone.

Lastly there is an auditory training program called LACE® that retrains the brain to comprehend speech up to 40% better in difficult listening situations such as noisy restaurants. LACE® can help you develop skills and learn strategies for dealing with situations when hearing is inadequate.

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