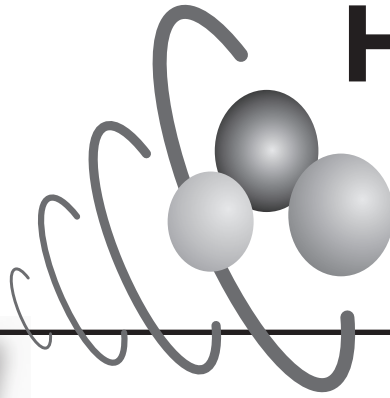


North Shore Chapter of Long Island

March 2012



Hearing Loss Association of America

Meeting Location

Long Island Jewish Hearing & Speech Center is located on the grounds of the Long Island Jewish Medical Center. Enter the grounds from LAKEVILLE ROAD and it is the first building on your left. Free parking is available behind the hearing and speech building: first entrance to parking lot after building. DO NOT go into the main parking building. Go to the Conference room on the Lower Level 270-05 76th Avenue New Hyde Park, NY 11040.

If you are in doubt as to whether there is a meeting, or if you'd like further information, please call Sal: 718-479-1098.

FYI

Assistive Listening Devices (ALD) are provided at our meetings. Headphones are available in the back. This room is Looped, so those who have hearing aids/cochlear implants can put on their T-coil switch.

Meeting News March 21, 2012

Refreshments and Social Time begins at 6:30pm

Meeting begins at 7:00pm

Topic:

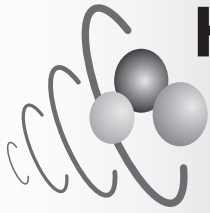
Assistive Technologies

Speaker: Dr. Lisa Predmore, Au.D.

Dr. Lisa Predmore, Au.D. is a Board Certified Clinical Audiologist with offices in both Manhasset and Syosset. She specializes in difficult to test populations, both pediatric and geriatric. With over 26 years of experience in the private sector and the hospital rehabilitation setting, Dr. Predmore can provide all her patients with an array of knowledge that is both technical and practical to one's daily life experiences. From the latest in hearing aid technology to the latest in assistive technology, you will find that she is well versed. The newest addition to her office is an assistive technologies room located within the Manhasset office. This room contains a wide variety of assistive technology from telephone assistance to television assistance to alerting systems from various manufacturers. Please come and see the recently updated Manhasset office.

Visit us on the web at www.drpredmore.net and like us on facebook. Dr. Predmore can be reached at 516-627-7600 or by email at audiooffice@optimum.net.





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What You Missed in February

Our President, Sal, invited everyone to attend our Board Meeting on February 22.

A new column will appear in our future new letters "Ask the Audiologist" and Dr. Jennifer Weitz will be the Audiologist to answer the questions you ask by writing to Sal and they will be answered in our newsletter.

Fred Asked Dr. Weitz about his new "TW" and questioned the use of "streaming" to bring sound directly to his ears.

Bonnie discussed automatic and directional mode. Dr. Weitz described how it worked but unfortunately for David it doesn't work for his hearing loss. With his Phonak aid the decrease of noise is not strong enough. Some new aids permit one to vary the focus of the angle for making the background noise lower.

Carole brought up problems with balance and Hilda and Silvia discussed "gait training" with physical therapy. Balance problems and Tinnitus have to do with the functioning of our inner ear.

Many questions followed such as fees for Audiologist consultations with a new Audiologist if the hearing aid was purchased from another company. Home visitations with Audiologists was brought up and changing filters on aids when they are dirty.

This was an exciting meeting with Dr. Weitz who is a very knowledgeable Audiologist and we heard answers to problems that benefited all of us present that evening.

You can still get a free Caption Call phone!

Don't miss this opportunity!
Contact Cameron Tingey at:
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Cell Phones: Which Are Compatible with Hearing Aids?

Sergei Kochkin, Ph.D. - Better Hearing Institute, Washington, DC

As a service to hearing aid owners we are providing to our knowledge a complete list of U.S. phones which are most compatible with hearing aids. By compatibility we mean they carry the very highest rating of M4/T4:

- M4 indicates there is the least likelihood of microphone interference and
- T4 means there is the greatest likelihood of telecoil coupling compatibility with the cell phone.

The following is a list of the most hearing aid compatible cell phones. To find out more about a specific model go to www.phonescoop.com or click on the model.

Apple: iPhone 4 (CDMA)

Cal-Comp: CAPTR A200, MSGM8

Casio Hitachi: Exilim C721, G'zOne Boulder, G'zOne Brigade, G'zOne Commando, G'zOne Ravine, G'zOne Rock

HTC: Droid Incredible 2, Merge, Mogul / XV6800 / PPC6800 / P4000, Touch (CDMA) / XV6900, Trophy (CDMA), Wildfire (CDMA)

Kyocera: Deco E1000, Domino S1310, Echo, Loft / Torino S2300, Mako S4000, Rio E3100, S2100 Luno, Tempo E2000, Wild Card / Lingo / M1000, X-tc M2000

LG: Accolade VX-5600, AX-275, Chocolate Touch / 8575 Touch, Clout, Cosmos 2, enV Touch VX-11000, Helix UX-310 / AX-310, Lotus Elite / Mystique, LX-370 /

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FCC Reverses Anglers Order of 2006! More Captioning Likely

Coalition of Organizations for Accessible Technology (COAT)

Five years ago, in October 2006, several leading disability organizations filed for a "Review of the Bureau Order" and a "Petition for Emergency Stay" at the FCC in regard to what was referred to as "the Anglers' Order." Today, the FCC overturned the Angler's Order and the other 300 exemptions to providing captioning on TV that were based on the Anglers' Order.

By way of background -- to illustrate how damaging the Anglers' Order was, the FCC, from 1997, when it first adopted closed captioning rules, until mid-2005 -- received fewer than 75 petitions for undue burden exemptions by providers wanting to be exempted from the closed captioning requirement. It generally handled these on a case-by-case basis as the law required. However, from October 2005 through August 2006, the FCC received over 600 such petitions requesting exemption of TV captioning. In an unexpected and unprecedented move, the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau (CGB) granted two of these petitions in the Anglers' Order, and during the two weeks that followed, granted an additional 301 petitions in reliance on the reasoning of that Order. The Order became known as "the Anglers' Order" as this was the name of one of the petitioners requesting an exemption. CGB, at that time, appeared to create a new exemption based on "hardship" and reasoned that non-profit status and assertions by petitioners of the non-commercial nature of their programming was sufficient for exemption from captioning of their TV programs.

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Disability advocates were outraged at this wholesale granting of exemptions contending that both administrative process had been violated in that there had been no public posting and processing of these exemption requests, and that the law had not been followed as petitioners had been allowed to get away with not proving undue burden for each of their specific petitions.

The leading disability advocacy organizations contesting the Anglers' Order were Telecommunications for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (TDI), the National Association of the Deaf (NAD), Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA), the Association of Late Deafened Adults (ALDA), and the American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD), all of whom later in March 2007 became COAT leading affiliates. Additionally, the California Coalition of Agencies Serving the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, and the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Consumer Advocacy Network (DHHCAN) supported the petitions to stop the Anglers' Order.

On October 20, 2011, the FCC overturned that Anglers' Order and the approximately 300 exemptions that were based on this order. Additionally, in this Order, the FCC opened a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) seeking public comment on proposed amendments to FCC rules to make permanent the provisional interpretation of "economically burdensome," in ruling on individual closed captioning exemption requests in order to conform FCC rules to section 202 of the 21st Century CVAA.

As a result of these reversal of a previous FCC order, almost 300 of the original petitioners must file a new petition within 90 days, with updated information to support a claim that providing closed captions would be economically burdensome, if they want to continue to be exempt from the closed captioning rules.

COAT commends the FCC for having the courage to reverse a bad order and that will further pave the way to ensuring more ubiquitous captioning in the future.

UX-370 / MT-375 Lyric / Force, LX-400

Motorola: Adventure V750, Devour, E815 / E816 Hollywood, Entice W766, i412, i576 / i576s, i776, i870 / i875, i9 Stature, ic602 Buzz+, ic902 Deluxe, Krave ZN4, Photon 4G, Rambler, Rapture VU30, RAZR maxx Ve, RAZR V3a / V3s, RAZR V3m, RAZR2 V9m, RAZR VE20

Nokia: 2605 Mirage, 2705 Shade, 6205, Twist 7705

Palm: Pixi / Pixi Plus (CDMA), Treo 800w

Pantech: Breeze III, CDM-8635, Ocean, Ocean 2

PCD: CDM-8950, Razzle TXT8030

Research In Motion BlackBerry: 7250, 7520, 8703e, 8830, 3G 9330, Curve 8330, Curve 8530

Samsung: Caliber R850, Character, Chrono, Code i220 / Exec i225, Conquer 4G, Contour R250, Convoy, Convoy 2, Factor, Freeform / Link R350 / R351 / R355, Freeform III / Comment, Galaxy Prevail, Gloss SCH-U440, Gusto, Haven, Jitterbug J / SPH-A310, Jitterbug SPH-A110 / A120, Knack U310, M220, M240

Sanyo: Incognito SCP-6760, Innuendo, Katana DLX, Katana Eclipse, Katana LX, PRO-200, PRO-700, SCP-2400, SCP-2700 Juno, SCP-3100, SCP-3200, SCP-3810 / Mirro, SCP-7050, Tahoe by Kyocera, Vero

Sony Ericsson Xperia Play (CDMA)

UTStarcom: CDM-7026, Coupe 8630

ZTE: Agent, C78

More about cell phone compatibility with hearing aids:

How to buy a cell phone: http://www.betterhearing.org/hearing_loss_treatment/hearing_aids/VoltaVoice-Cell-PhoneBuyingGuide1_09.pdf

For tutorials on wireless access visit: <http://www.access-wireless.org>

Voluntary Recall Notification for Nucleus CI500 Cochlear Implant Range

Cochlear Limited is undertaking a voluntary recall of the unimplanted Cochlear Nucleus CI500 cochlear implant range.

While less than 1% of CI512 implants have failed since launch in 2009, Cochlear has identified a recent increase in the number of Nucleus CI512 implant failures. In an abundance of caution and with our recipients in mind, Cochlear has issued a voluntary recall of the Nucleus CI500 range of cochlear implants while it further investigates the issue.



No implants outside the Cochlear Nucleus CI500 range are affected by this voluntary recall including Nucleus Freedom implants which remain available.

The Nucleus 5 external devices (Nucleus CP810 Sound Processor) and any previous generation sound processors are not affected by this recall.

It is important to note that all existing Nucleus CI512 implant recipients can continue to use their system as normal.

If a Nucleus CI512 failure occurs, the implant safely shuts down. In the event of a failure, recipients can be re-implanted with the Nucleus Freedom implant range which remains available. Nucleus Freedom is fully compatible with the Nucleus 5 Sound Processor System which is not affected by this recall. For people considering a cochlear implant, Cochlear recommends the use of the Nucleus Freedom range of Cochlear implants which are fully compatible with the Nucleus 5 sound processor system. This combination of Nucleus Freedom and Nucleus 5 sound processor system does not sacrifice any of the performance benefits of the Nucleus 5 processor system.

For more than 25 years, cochlear implant reliability has been of paramount importance to Cochlear, and we remain committed to providing high quality, high reliable cochlear implant systems. We sincerely apologise for any concern this causes. If you have any questions regarding this please do not hesitate in contacting your local Cochlear office.

Information for Cochlear Implant Recipients

Updated Friday 16 September 2011

Question – I have a Nucleus CI512 implant should I have it explanted?

Answer – No. There is no need to have your working implant explanted and you should continue to use your system as normal. The incidence of the failure is very low – less than 1% of registered CI512 devices globally so we expect most recipients will not be affected by this failure.

Question – How will I know if my implant is failing?

Answer – In the unlikely event the implant fails it will shut down safely. If you experience any issues in sound quality then this is most likely to be associated with your external sound processor. You should follow the normal sound processor troubleshooting which will almost certainly rectify the problem

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Question – How do I know if I have a CI500 Series implant?

Answer – You may have received a CI512 or CI513 implant if you received a Nucleus 5 System. Your clinic will be able to confirm. If you or your child has a Nucleus Freedom, Sprint or an Esprit 3G sound processor you will not have a CI512 or CI513 implant. The following implants are not affected by this recall, the Nucleus Freedom range (RE CA, RE ST), the Hybrid L24 electrode, the Nucleus CI422 slim straight electrode, the CI24 R CA, CI24 R ST, CI24 R CS the Nucleus 24M double array or the Nucleus ABI 24M.

Question – What happens if my or my child’s implant fails.

Answer – In the rare circumstances your implant fails then you should contact your clinic. The implant is covered under normal warranty conditions and can be replaced with a Nucleus Freedom implant. The Nucleus Freedom implant is fully compatible with the Nucleus 5 Sound Processor system.

Question – I am looking to get an implant for myself/my child. I really like the Nucleus 5 system, when will it be back on the market?

Answer – The Nucleus Freedom implant is fully compatible with the Nucleus 5 Sound Processor System which is not affected by this recall. This combination of Nucleus Freedom and Nucleus 5 sound processor system does not sacrifice any of the performance benefits of the Nucleus 5 processor system. It is difficult to say at this stage the timing for the return of the Nucleus CI500 implant range.

Question – I have upgraded to a Nucleus 5 Sound Processor, am I at risk of implant failure?

Answer – No, the recall relates to the CI500 series implants only, not the external sound processor. The previous generation implants (internal component) are not subject to the recall.

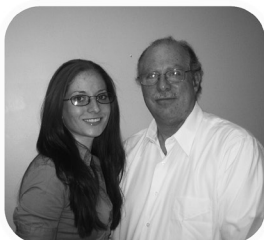
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