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North Shore of Long Island Chapter

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: 516-331-0231.

Meeting News

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Refreshments and Social Time begins 6:30pm.

Meeting begins 7:00pm.

Topic: A Tale of Two Ears

Dr. Jackler will provide a broad overview of the state-of-the-art in the bioscience and technology of hearing loss with an emphasis upon emerging new methods of treatment and promising lines of re-search which may lead to new cures.

Speaker: Dr. Rob Jackler

Dr. Jackler is an otologist-neurotologist who specializes in complex ear diseases. He has a special interest in tumors of the lateral and posterior cranial base and has written numerous analytical papers derived from his microsurgical series. A long standing collaboration with medical artist Chirstine Gralapp has produced over 1500 original illustrations of a wide variety of cranial base and ear microsurgical approaches (http://med.stanford.edu/ohns/atlas_sb/). For over 25 years Dr. Jackler has directed a fellowship program in neurotology and skull base surgery which has trained a number of academic leaders in the field.



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Our Chapter

We've returned from our summer break with an exciting lineup of speakers and topics that I am sure will be of great interest to you. We try to pick topics that are current and of interest to the majority of the membership. Coming to meeting to get firsthand information from our speakers and ask question is by far the best way to broaden your knowledge of hearing loss.

I hope you have been getting our emails about the Walk4Hearing, coming up on September 25th. We appreciate your membership to National and our chapter which supports most of the things we do, but once a year we need a little more help. The walk supports many thing that are too numerous to go into now. If you have been reading the emails that you have been receiving about the walk, it has all the necessary information in it.

This is just a personal request from me to ask you to support National, our chapter, and to insure this work goes on after we have moved on. HLAA is very dear to me. I have been a member almost from the beginning and it has been a very important part of my life.

The biggest reward I can receive is having you come to our meetings and experience what I have. The friendships, the caring people who give their time, and knowing that all of us with hearing loss can live a better life with HLAA on their side.

See you at the meetings.

Sal Sturiale

11 Questions People Who Are Hard Of Hearing Should Ask Prior To Staying In A Hospital

By Janice S. Lintz, *Huffington Post*

Being a patient with a hearing loss does not have to be frightening but preparation is needed. It is important to contact the hospital as far in advance as possible to discuss and request aids or services that may be needed. Hospitals should have a designated person/office to whom such requests should be made and to whom patients can contact in the event the hospital fails to provide the requested accommodations.

The following are recommended questions to ask your doctor and hospital prior to your stay:

1. Can your hearing aids/cochlear implant processors stay in/on during surgery or until you fall asleep?

If not, can they be placed in your ears/reattached immediately after surgery or as you leave the operating room? Bring a small container labeled with your name for storing your devices during surgery to avoid losing them.

2. Can staff wear clear surgical masks or remove them when they speak with you?

Let everyone know prior to entering the operating room if you rely on lip reading and therefore need to see people's faces. Wearing clear surgical masks or removing them when they speak with you allows you to see their lips. The entire surgery process should be discussed and reviewed with you prior to entering the operating room including, but not limited, to the IV will cause a burning sensation or the sticky tabs will be placed on your chest to monitor your heart.

3. Is a portable FM or amplifier such as a PockeTalker available?

This can improve communication even if you do not have a hearing aid and may be helpful when communicating critical medical information.

4. Is your doctor aware that your otolaryngologist or audiologist should be contacted if there is any perceived change in hearing?

Anesthesia can sometimes cause a decrease in hearing loss. Hospital personnel may need to compare or review your most recent hearing tests. You may want to bring a copy with you to the hospital.

5. How will hospital personnel be notified about your hearing loss?

All staff including nurses, doctors, anesthesiologists and recovery room staff should be aware that you have a hearing loss and how you communicate. You may have difficulty hearing when emerging from anesthesia. Hospital personnel may think you appear non-responsive or are not responding appropriately if they are not notified about your hearing loss.

6. Can a sign noting your hearing loss be posted above your bed?

This is especially important at night when your hearing aids or devices are removed and the night staff may be unaware of your hearing loss. Some hospitals may be reluctant to offer this without your requesting it because of patient privacy rights. The benefits outweigh the privacy issues. Healthcare providers tend to speak before checking your chart so the sign is important even if your chart is noted with your hearing loss.

7. Are the nurses aware that you may not be able to hear over the intercom?

The hospital should place a sticker on the intercom at the nurse's station indicating that you are hard of hearing or deaf. This will alert the staff not to use the intercom if you are unable to hear it. The staff will need to come into your room so the hospital may want to place you in a room near the nurses' station.

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Annual NYC Walk4Hearing

The Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) Walk4Hearing is the largest walk of its kind. Every spring and fall thousands of walkers - children and their families, young adults, young at heart and everyone in between - raise money and walk together to increase public awareness about hearing loss, help eradicate the stigma associated with it and raise funds for programs and services.

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Sunday, September 25, 2016

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8. Did you pack a pad and pen for your hospital room?

A pad and pen will allow you and the staff to write down critical information and medical terms to ensure you hear them properly.

9. Are any of the medicines that will be used ototoxic and have hearing loss as a side effect?

If yes, can these be avoided? This information should be provided to your doctor even if they do not anticipate that you will receive medication. The situation may change and the consequences are serious.

10. What visual alerts does the hospital offer for emergencies and to alert you someone is at the door?

There are a variety of devices that can alert individuals with hearing loss to emergencies, to the phone ringing and/or to someone knocking at the door. Find out what the hospital has available and what is recommended based on your procedure.

11. Are assistive listening devices and/or captioning available for the television?

The remote control should have an easy to access closed captioning button. A portable DVD player or laptop with DVDs is an alternative.

Did You Know This?

By Claudia Block

Have any of you heard of baseball player William Hoy? William played Major League Baseball from 1888-1902 and I bet that very few of you have ever heard of him.

Since 1939, there has been an ongoing quest to have William Hoy inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown New York. Why? Because this never heard of 19th century baseball player had a batting average of .367 and had 7115 at bats, 2048 hits and 1429 RBIs at 7115 times at bat? Well no, although those statistics alone might qualify William for the Baseball Hall of Fame.

For those of you who have never heard of him, William Hoy was baseball's first deaf ball player, and he deserves the opportunity to be nominated and inducted into the Hall of Fame based on more than his statistics alone!

William Hoy SHOULD be invited to be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame based on the fact that it was he who truly introduced hand signals to baseball. Currently, they are credited to an umpire, Bill Klem, but that is just not true. Hand signals were his idea, all due to William's hearing disability.

William started his career batting below average with .219 his first year out in baseball. He began with a lackluster season, appearing confused each time he came to bat. Finally, he had to admit he didn't understand the words of the third base coach. He made a deal with the coach and asked him to use various hand signals for the pitches to indicate strikes, balls, fouls or fair balls.

William's idea changed baseball forever. His signals are still used today, many years after he first introduced them. William didn't let his deafness define his career. His invention and ingenuity not only changed the face of baseball forever but greatly improved his ability to play baseball.

For those reasons, and as an inspiration to deaf and hearing impaired kids and adults everywhere, let's be proud of him and advocate to get William Hoy honored with his induction into the Baseball Hall of Fame at Cooperstown!



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Hearing aids can be shipped in a small box. Carefully wrap the hearing aid in cotton, bubble wrap or other soft material, or put in a pill container.

First, fill out the form here: <http://www.hla-lakeland.org/donate/hearing-aid-donation> and print out the receipt you will get. Then mail the hearing aid(s) and the printed receipt to:

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'Shark Tank' Star Daymond John: High-Tech Hearing Aids Changed My Life

By Samantha Murphy Kelly

Daymond John is many things: the founder and CEO of fashion brand FUBU, star of the reality TV series Shark Tank, a serial investor and the author of several bestselling books.

But he's also one of 360 million people worldwide with hearing loss. For the first time, John is opening up about his disability and how he's using modern technology—in the form of smart hearing aids and an iPhone—to improve his everyday life.

"You think of your grandparents wearing hearing aids—not me," John, 43, told CNNMoney in a phone interview. "But I'm talking to you through my hearing aids...and you'd never really know I'm wearing something."

For the past two years, John has been using smart hearing aids called Halo 2 by the Starkey Hearing Technologies, the same organization that has outfitted four U.S. presidents with hearing devices. The hearing aids were designed to work with iOS devices, allowing users like John to stream calls and listen to music and audio directly through the earpieces.

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