

STEP 1: YOUR EVALUATION

The purpose of the first visit—which will last about an hour— is to determine whether or not you have a hearing loss and to what degree. Bring a family member or friend.

The more you know, the better decisions you can make.



Here's what you can expect:

- A quick assessment of your family's and your hearing history.
- An ear exam to rule out ear wax or infection.
- A hearing test to determine what you can and cannot hear. You'll be asked to indicate when you can hear various soft tones. During the second part of the test, your hearing professional will ask you to repeat words that you hear.
- Review of your hearing test results. You
 will learn if and what type of hearing
 loss you may have, along with ways it
 can interfere with communication.
- A discussion of hearing solutions, which may include communication strategies, hearing aids, and/or assistive listening devices. If necessary, your hearing professional may refer you to a medical specialist for further evaluation.
- If hearing aids are the solution for you, your hearing professional will help you choose one that fits your hearing loss, lifestyle, cosmetic needs and budget. Impressions may be taken of your ears so that your hearing aids can be custom-made to fit your ears.

STEP 2: YOUR FITTING

You'll return within a few weeks to be fit with your new hearing aids. Your office visit will last about an hour. This will ensure you:

- Have a Comfortable Fit Your hearing professional will verify that your hearing aids fit comfortably and ensure that they are programmed to your hearing loss and set to your comfort level – neither too loud nor too soft.
- Learn About Your Hearing Aids Your hearing professional will spend time teaching you about your hearing aids – from how to insert and remove them to cleaning, care and maintenance.

After your fitting, check out your hearing aids in different environments. Talk to family and friends and see how their voices sound now that you are hearing better.

If things sound different, it is perfectly natural.

Give yourself time to become comfortable with your new hearing.

STEP 3: YOUR FOLLOW-UP

Your follow-up visit will occur a few weeks after you have worn your hearing aids anc will take 30 minutes to an hour. This will be the time to:

- Share Your Experiences The more information you can provide, the more your hearing professional can make sure your hearing aids are working a well as they should be.
- Fine Tune Your Hearing Aids Once your hearing professional knows how you are doing, additional fine tuning may be necessary. Using a computer, the hearing professional can make most changes to programmable/digi hearing aids right at their office.
- Follow-Up You should expect to have regularly scheduled appointments. A 1-year recheck is recommended. If you have questions at any time, your hearing professional can help you.

Keep in mind that hearing loss is natural a common. As with anything new, it takes ti to adjust to hearing aids.

You, a friend or family member suspects you have a hearing loss. Questions and doubts naturally arise.

- What does this mean?
- How do I know for sure?
- What do I do?

A hearing professional can answer your questions and help find the best solution for your hearing loss. The process is simple and requires just three easy steps.



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