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Division of Adult Audiology
Department of Otolaryngology
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STAFF NEWS:

- **Kristi Oeding, AuD** completed her degree in June, 2011 at Washington University School of Medicine and is now **on staff at the Center for Advanced Medicine her**

practice includes research and clinic..

- **Alison Brockmeyer, AuD** has joined the American Academy of Audiology's **Professional Standards Committee.**
- **Diane Duddy, AuD** serves as the 2011 President of the Missouri Academy of Audiology (MAA) board.
- **Bob Mareing, AuD and Jennifer Listenberger, AuD** held an informational hearing aid seminar in May at the West County Office.

SERVICES:

- Washington University and Barnes Jewish Hospital continue to offer Audiology services to the **inpatients of BJH.** If you or someone you know need hearing or hearing aid services while in the hospital, please let your physician know.
- **Audiology newsletters** (current and previous issues) are available online at: **www.audiology.wustl.edu** Please call Jen Listenberger at: 432-4110 to add or remove your name from the newsletter notification list.

DISCOUNTS:

- **5% BJC plus/Oasis member discount** on the purchase of new hearing aids (earmolds not included). Please tell us you are a member when ordering your new hearing aid(s) or call 314-362-7587 to become a member today.
- **Washington University** faculty and family receive **15% discount** on the purchase of new hearing aids (earmolds not included). Please tell us if this discount applies when you are ordering your hearing aids.

RESEARCH NEWS:

The Division of Adult Audiology at Washington University School of Medicine is conducting a research study examining the possible **advantage** of the new Unitron Tandem 16 **BICROS hearing aid.** The purpose of the project is to evaluate if the addition of **multi-channel noise reduction on the transmitter and receiver side** will allow users to obtain significantly better speech

recognition and significantly improved comfort in noise. We are looking for participants that are **18 years of age or older**, who have very little hearing in one ear and some hearing loss in the opposite ear, and **who currently or previously have worn the BICROS hearing aid**. A research project examining the benefit of the directional microphone in the **Ponto Pro Bone Anchored Hearing Aid** solution will be examined in the coming month. If you would like more information and/or are willing to participate please contact Kristi Oeding, AuD at oedingk@ent.wustl.edu or (314) 362-7496.

SUMMER TIPS:

- **Accidentally got your hearing aid wet this summer?** (Jumping into the pool or lake is easy to do)

Remove the battery immediately, place the **aid in your desiccant**, if you have a **filtered earhook**—you may need a **replacement earhook**. **Then, come in to the office for a check!**

- **What about airport security?**

Need tips for what to do with your hearing aids at the airport? See our **Winter 2011 newsletter**, posted on our **website**.

- **Taking a trip?**

Make sure you take extra **batteries and your drynstore** or at least take the **dry brik or rechargeable desiccant** from the drynstore and put it in an **air tight container** such as a zip lock bag or resealable plastic container—put the hearing aid in the container at night—you won't have the fan from the drynstore but you will have some help for moisture.

- **Perspiration Issues?**

Don't be surprised if perspiration and humidity result in more frequent **tubing and wax guard changes**. You may want to consider **hearing aid sweatbands** to protect the hearing aids from moisture.

FACEBOOK:

Visit our facebook page “**Washington University Adult Audiology**” and “like” us—let us keep you up to date for current **hearing aid technology, hearing assistance devices, current legislation related to audiology, staff news, etc.**



PHONE APPS:

- **Hamilton Captel** released an application for **Android smart phones**. The free app allows users to **listen and read captions** of everything that is said during phone calls—this application is also available for **Blackberry and iPhones**.

- **Sprint** recently released **Hearing Loss Apps** for **Android** phones these applications include the options of: **Google voice which captions audio messages to text messages and captioned Fish** which provides **captioning for movies** playing in a customers area for more information see: www.sprintrelay.com

WEBSITE:

Alison Brockmeyer, AuD is updating our website—look for a completely new website **with pertinent information and resources in the near future**.