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AUDIOLOGY STAFF INFORMATION

Beth is currently a fourth year **Au.D.** student at Washington University School of Medicine in the Program of Audiology and Communication Sciences (PACS). She will receive her degree in May 2009 at the completion of her 4th Year Externship at the Center for Advanced Medicine. Beth received her Bachelor of Arts in Speech Pathology and Audiology from **Southern Illinois University—Edwardsville** in 2005. Her current clinical and research interests include **noise-induced hearing loss, ototoxicity, and hearing aids.** Beth lives in Illinois with her husband, Jason.

- **Diane Duddy** is serving on the **Missouri Academy of Audiology (MAA)** board.
- **Judy Peterein** taught the "**Advanced Electrophysiology**" **class** at Washington University's Audiology graduate program.
- Mike Valente presented September 2008 in St. Louis, on "**Verification of and Fitting Strategies for Single-Sided Deafness**".

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 call 314-362-7489.
- **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.

TROUBLE HEARING IN NOISE??

There are **hearing assistance devices** that may enhance your ability to communicate in a noisy and/or reverberant situation.

If your hearing aids have a **telephone coil** setting or a program option of a telephone coil setting it is possible to use



an **additional microphone** that is closer to the speaker to **improve hearing in reverberant and/or noisy environments**. If you would like a demonstration of this equipment, please schedule an appointment with an audiologist at the Center for Advanced Medicine by calling **314-362-7489**.

NEWS FROM THE REP

Recently, we received word that the Reperatory Theater has installed **assistive devices** that can be coupled to a **neckloop**. At this point you must bring your own neckloop to access this feature. The devices **are** available with earbuds. In addition, the Rep offers **open caption** one Sunday matinee of each production.

GLOBALINX

A **Videophone** that allows you to see the person you are talking with and enhance your hearing with visual information. All that is required is a **power outlet and high speed internet access**. If you want a demonstration, please call 314-362-7489 for an appointment or for more information contact Globalinx at 314-630-5626.

RESEARCH

- **BAHA**

The BAHA is an implantable

hearing aid that may be appropriate for patients with profound hearing loss on one side and normal hearing on the opposite side. The Baha contains a directional microphone for improved understanding of speech in noise.

Kristi Oeding, a 3rd year AuD PACS is involved in a study to determine the **importance the alignment of the directional microphone** has upon the effectiveness of the directional microphone.

- **HEARING ASSISTANCE TECHNOLOGY**

Jessica Teymouri, a 2nd year audiology student is compiling a list of **hearing assistance technology available at public venues** in the St. Louis area. This information will shortly be available in a brochure at our clinic sites and as well on the PACS <http://www.pacs.wustl.edu/> website.

WEB CAPTEL



A **free service** that allows **your personal computer** to provide telephone captioning. Your computer must have an internet connection and web browser, there is no special equipment required. Contact www.hamiltoncaptel.com for more information.

TINNITUS TREATMENT

Mid-January 2009 we will begin offering Neuromonics treatment for tinnitus patients. This will be an addition to tinnitus retraining therapy and the on-going tinnitus research taking place with Dr. Piccirillo's lab.

Neuromonics is a **non-invasive clinically proven treatment for tinnitus**. This sound treatment is delivered via a **compact, lightweight** and specially designed medical device.

The treatment is typically about **six months** and involves use of the device for **2 or more hours/day** as well as follow-up audiology appointments for education and support.

If you are interested in a neuromonics, you can visit the website:

www.neuromonics.com

If you would like an **assessment** to see if this treatment would be an option for you, please call **314-362-7489** to **schedule an appointment**.