

Here is what's new in our April 2018 Edition:

LayPerson's Guide:

Tinnitus Treatment Options: There is presently no known cure for tinnitus. However, there are very good, well-established tools and treatments that can significantly reduce the perceived burden of tinnitus. With perseverance and support from trained healthcare professionals, these options can help tinnitus patients — even those with severe cases of the condition. Please go to Layperson's Guide to read more.

How It All Works!:

Hearing Dogs And How They Help People With Hearing Loss: Hearing Dogs assist deaf and hard of hearing individuals by alerting them to a variety of household sounds such as a door knock or doorbell, alarm clock, oven buzzer, telephone, baby cry, name call or smoke alarm. Dogs are trained to make physical contact and lead their deaf partners to the source of the sound. Please watch the two video clips in How It All Works! describing the usefulness of having a hearing dog when you have hearing loss!

Guidance Articles:

Understanding The Facts About Tinnitus: Tinnitus is the perception of sound when no actual external noise is present. While it is commonly referred to as “ringing in the ears,” tinnitus can manifest many different perceptions of sound, including buzzing, hissing, whistling, swooshing, and clicking. In some rare cases, tinnitus patients report hearing music. Tinnitus can be both an acute (temporary) condition or a chronic (ongoing) health malady. Please go to Guidance Articles to read more

Current Research:

The Effectiveness of Hyperacusis Treatment: For the last 20 years, Dr. Formby has conducted two parallel lines of research: hyperacusis studies and clinical trials to evaluate the efficacy of Tinnitus Retraining Therapy, which uses counseling and

sound therapy to help those with tinnitus to habituate to the condition. The American Tinnitus Association presents a video on the Effectiveness of Hyperacusis Treatment. Please go to the Current Research section to see it.

My Story:

(1) *Stories From People With A Hearing Dog:* A Hearing Dog is a dog specially trained to alert people who are deaf or hard of hearing to such sounds as the ringing of an alarm, doorbell, or telephone. This month we invite you to watch and listen to video clips of people explaining what their life is now like by having a hearing dog.

(2) *Tinnitus Patients Stories:* Many people with severe tinnitus have been able to successfully control their condition. Read these inspiring stories from real patients and learn from their experiences.

Points Of View:

Changing Tax Codes May Impact Assistance Dog Services For People With Disabilities: Big changes are coming for the 2018 tax year after the passage of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, and it may be impacting those organizations that need charitable gifts most—those charities like Canine Companions for Independence® that provide life-changing assistance dogs to children, veterans and adults with disabilities entirely free of charge. Please go to Points Of View to read more.