



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

LayPerson's Guide:

The New Hearing Aids: Back in the day, Grandpa needed a hearing aid -- war, hunting, and loud machinery had taken their toll. Most likely, his hearing aid was a big, beige "plug" in the ear. When he gave you a bear hug, you heard little whistles and buzzes. Please go to Layperson's Guide to read more.

What's New With Hearing Aid Technology?: Just as digital imaging has now replaced the phonograph record, audiotape, and the movie camera for duplication of sound and pictures, digital processing of sound has revolutionized improvements in **sound clarity** and **improved word recognition** with hearing aids. Currently, hearing aid sound processors (computer chips), programmed by audiologists with probe-mic technology, continually adjust the output of the hearing aid to the needs of the hearing aid user and to the environment. Please go to Layperson's Guide to read more.

How It All Works!:

How Do Hearing Loops Work?: An induction loop system transmits an audio signal directly into a hearing aid via a magnetic field, greatly reducing background noise, competing sounds, reverberation and other acoustic distortions that reduce clarity of sound. Please go to How It All Works! to learn more.

How Does A Hearing Loop System Work In Your Home?: This video provides a clear explanation of how a hearing loop system, installed in your home, would function to assist people with hearing loss to hear more clearly. Please go to How It All Works! to learn more.

Guidance Articles:

Hearing Aid Basics: Hearing aids can make a big difference, especially if you pick the right ones and get help adjusting to them. Please go to the Guidance Articles section to learn more.

Current Research:

Scientists Develop Method To Repair Damaged Structures Deep Inside The Ear: Researchers at USC and Harvard have developed a new approach to repair cells deep inside the ear - a potential remedy that could restore hearing for millions of elderly people and others who suffer hearing loss. Please go to the Current Research section to read more.

Points Of View:

When Disability Is A Design Opportunity: The Cooper Hewitt museum in New York City is currently running a fascinating exhibition entitled [Access+Ability](#). The exhibit features new and innovative products that help people with disabilities experience their world more effectively through design. Please go to Points Of View to read more.

Advocacy Help:

Why Don't People Ask For Captioning? - The Case For Captioning:

It is not only the millions and millions of people with hearing loss and deafness who need captioning to understand conversations, videos, lectures, meetings, theater, and other speaking events, but also the millions more who use captioning for language learning, translation, and other good reasons. Please go to the Advocacy Help section to read more.