



Here is what's new in our June 2019 Edition:

Layperson's Guide:

How To Better Hear Your TV!: Considering nearly 50 million Americans now live with hearing loss, you bet a large number struggle to hear their TV clearly. And whether you're the person with hearing loss, or the person sitting next to him on the couch, you know that turning up the volume on the TV isn't always the best solution. Doing so not only can disturb others, it can actually make the TV audio sound even more garbled, especially if the sound is not well mixed between dialog, music and sound effects. Please CLICK on this link to read more:

[Layperson's Guide](#)

Guidance Articles:

Hearing Loss In Children: Hearing ability is important for children to develop speech and language skills as they grow. In the past, hearing loss in children often went undetected until the child was around two years old, when it became obvious that he or she wasn't talking yet. Even newborns can be tested and treated for hearing loss. Research has demonstrated that detection and intervention for hearing loss prior to six months of age results in significantly better outcomes than intervention after six months of age. Please CLICK on this link to read more: [Guidance Articles](#)

Current Research:

World's First Gene Therapy Trial For Hearing Loss: The Department of Otolaryngology—Head and Neck Surgery at Columbia University is one of three centers in the world conducting a clinical trial in which cellular regeneration is being used to treat hearing loss. Most causes of hearing loss are due to the death

of so-called inner ear hair cells. These hair cells (named because they have tiny endings that look like hairs) detect sound waves and then send this information on to the brain. As a person's inner ear loses hair cells—due to aging or certain genetic conditions—he or she loses hearing. The following video explains the research that is taking place. Please CLICK on this link: [Current Research](#)

My Story:

Their Voice Just Faded Away: My Experience With Sudden Deafness – By Angie Aspinall: One day in April 2011, I lost all the hearing in my left ear between the time I woke up and lunchtime. I was already severely deaf in my right ear and I had mild hearing loss in my left ear as a result of a hereditary condition called otosclerosis. I used a hearing aid in my left ear every day, but rarely used the hearing aid in my right ear, because I felt the volume level necessary to make it of use to me caused me to have horrendous tinnitus. On this particular day, I woke up feeling a little woozy, and when I spoke, my voice sounded louder on my right side (my deafer side) than usual. Please CLICK on this link to read more: [My Story](#)

How It All Works!:

How An EarLens Hearing Aid Works: The **EarLens** Contact Hearing Device is a radically different type of hearing aid that uses light, and an eardrum vibration lens - rather than amplified sound - to move the eardrum. ... However, when stimulated by infrared light, the **EarLens** kicks into action, and begins to vibrate. The following video describes how it works. Please CLICK on the following link: [How It All Works!](#)

Advocacy Help:

How To Be Your Own Hearing Loss Advocate: Technology takes care of so many things for us today, it's often difficult to realize that it occasionally needs a little assistance from us to work effectively. Smartphones are only intelligent when their battery is charged. Your car's GPS gives you great directions, as long as you enter the destination information correctly. Hearing aids can amplify sound, but they can't teach others how to effectively communicate with you. Telling others what you need to effectively communicate will improve relationships. Talking to others about your hearing loss isn't always fun, but advocating for yourself is

essential if you want to get the most out of interactions with your loved ones and colleagues. Please CLICK on the following link: [Advocacy Help](#)