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## THE IMPORTANCE OF PRACTICING AUDIOLOGY BEST PRACTICES

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At The Hill Hear Better Clinic, **we've committed to following best practices in hearing care** so we can provide the most effective treatment and care for hearing loss.

### Our Best Practices

Our best practices include **matching the hearing technology to a patient's prescriptive needs and providing ongoing follow-up care**, not just selling them a device. It also includes **monitoring hearing changes and cognitive ability over time and educating our patients every step of the way**. Our best practices include:

- Comprehensive Audiological Evaluation -
- Pre-Visit Assessment, Registration & Benefits Review
- Puretone Thresholds, UCLs, Video Otoscopy, Speech Understanding in Quiet
- Explain Test Results & Hearing Education
- Hearing Health History & Patient Insights
- Acoustic Immittance & Reflexes
- Speech Understanding in Noise
- Hearing Aid Demonstration
- Lifestyle Hearing Guide & Discussion
- Collaborative Care with Physician & Specialists
- Speech in Noise Testing - Speech In Noise Testing requires a patient to **identify sounds over a loud background**. By measuring a patient's ability to identify speech in noise, we can tailor the treatment plan to the patient's specific needs.
- Real Ear Measure - Hearing aids should fit a patient in every sense, including how they sound. That's why we use Real-Ear Measurements (REMs), to **personalize and fine-tune hearing aids**. The benefits of REMs include:
  - ✓ Prescriptive fitting approach that is **individualized for the patient**
  - ✓ **Better speech clarity**, especially in noisy places
  - ✓ **Less strain and fatigue** when listening
  - ✓ **Fewer follow-up adjustments**

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### Caring For Patients

Our hearing care treatment process is intended to **help patients feel comfortable with hearing aids**. We adjust the device to ensure a perfect fit and adapt to the new levels of auditory stimulus. We walk patients through the features included in the hearing aids and how to use and care for the devices. We set up **follow-up appointments to ensure everything is going smoothly with the new devices and objectively measure outcomes**.

Our audiologists are experienced in finding the right solution for any level of hearing loss. By referring your patients to us, we understand that you are putting your trust in us and we will return them to you with the highest quality hearing treatment available.

### Articles for Further Research

Read the latest research linking hearing loss and cognitive decline:

[Audiologic Assessment, NIH, 2022](#)

[Does Probe-Tube Verification of Real-Ear Hearing Aid Amplification Characteristics Improve Outcomes in Adults? A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis, NIH, 2021](#)

[Real-Ear Measurement of Hearing Threshold and Loudness, NIH, 1996](#)

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