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Assisted Listening Devices

Having trouble understanding what's being said on television or over the telephone? People with all types and degrees of hearing—even people with normal hearing—may benefit from an assistive listening device (ALD). An ALD can increase the loudness of a desired sound, such as radio, television, or a public speaker.

Various types of ALDs exist, including TV listening systems, telephone amplifying devices, alarms and auditorium-type assistive listening systems. Most

ALDs can be used with or without hearing aids. The different types of ALDs are: ALDs designed for telephone use can alert you when the telephone is ringing, or can help you to better hear the phone conversation. Television ALDs can be used in conjunction with a hearing aid or alone, depending on the type of ALD you have. Alerting ALDs, this type can include alarm clocks, smoke/fire or doorbells. Group ALDs, these categories of devices are typically found in churches, theaters and auditoriums and can be used with or without hearing aids.

New Video Otoscope

One of our goals at Ashland ENT, Allergy & Hearing Aid Center is to stay up to date with the latest in technology. We have recently added a video otoscope to the state-of-the-art equipment we have to help treat our patients. A video otoscope transfers images from the ear canal to a video monitor allowing the physician as well as the patient to visualize the ear canal and eardrum, but the main benefit is that it allows you to see in your ear as well! There are many uses for this equipment; it will help us with cerumen (wax)

removal, diagnosing outer and middle ear problems, and give us a tool to use at the area Health Fairs. Many people think that wax is the reason for their hearing loss, while a wax plug can sometimes cause some mild difficulties, it isn't very common.

Ever wondered about what your ear canal and ear drum look like? Come in and take a look!

Join us for our Annual Spring Health Fair on April 24 or call 419-289-8919 for an appointment.

Custom Ear Molds

What do hunters, swimmers, musicians, motorcyclists, racing fans, factory workers, dentists, landscapers, communications workers, iPod listeners, and victims of snoring spouses have in common? Custom ear products are available for you! We offer a wide variety of custom noise plugs, musician plugs, and swim plugs.

If you are interested in learning more about our custom earpieces, please call our office for more

information or an appointment. If you decide to order custom plugs, we will schedule you for a brief appointment and take impressions of your ear(s). Your custom plugs will arrive in one to two weeks. Many styles and color options are available, and prices vary depending on product.





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Dust Mites & Hearing

Do you wake up in the morning with a stuffy, dry, caked or even bloody nose? Ear infections or hearing loss? Muddled thinking? Dust mites could be part of the problem.

The average life cycle for a male mite is 20-30 days. A female may live up to 10 weeks. They will produce approximately 2000 fecal particles and even more partially digested food particles. They secrete enzymes and deposit *Aspergillus repens* (mold) to digest their food. All are highly allergic.

Spring Health Fair

We would like to thank everyone who helped make the 2007 Spring Health Fair a huge success. We were thrilled that so many of you came out to tour the new building and take advantage of our free hearing screenings and health-related information. Our 2008 Spring Health Fair will take place on April 24, be sure to watch for more information coming soon!

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