

## HEARING SELF TEST

*The following questions will help you determine if you have a hearing loss and need to have your hearing evaluated:*

- Do you have a problem hearing over the telephone?
- Do you hear better on one ear than the other when you are on the telephone?
- Do you have trouble following the conversation when two or more people are talking at the same time?
- Do people complain that you turn the TV volume up too high?
- Do you have to strain to understand conversation?
- Do you have trouble hearing in a noisy background?
- Do you have trouble hearing in restaurants?
- Do you have dizziness, pain, or ringing in your ears?
- Do you find yourself asking people to repeat themselves?
- Do family members or co-workers remark about your missing what has been said?
- Do many people you talk to seem to mumble (or not speak clearly)?
- Do you misunderstand what others are saying and respond inappropriately?
- Do you have trouble understanding the speech of women and children?
- Do people get annoyed because you misunderstand what they say?

**If you have answered yes to more than two of these questions, you should have your hearing tested by an audiologist.**



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*Providing the highest quality Audiology, Balance and Diagnostic Testing Services to our patients using the newest, state-of-the-art equipment and technology.*

LCGH will make every effort to help you fully utilize your health insurance benefits. We encourage you to verify with your insurance carrier the full extent of your coverage prior to your visit.

**Referrals from a physician are required.**

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FOR A REFERRAL.

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## WHAT IS AN AUDIOLOGIST?

An Audiologist is a licensed health care professional who specializes in the study of hearing and balance disorders. This includes the entire hearing mechanism from the outer ear, middle ear bones, cochlea to central auditory processing problems.

People are referred to an audiologist for diagnostic testing of the auditory system (hearing), the vestibular system (balance mechanism), and / or rehabilitation of a hearing loss. The reason for these visits may include difficulty hearing, ear pain, ear infection, ringing in the ears, balance problems, speech delays or screening hearing of newborns at risk for hearing loss.

## WHEN TO USE SERVICES OF AN AUDIOLOGIST?

You would seek the services of an audiologist if you or someone you know is having difficulty hearing.

It may be difficult for you to determine if a child is having hearing problems. You might consult an Audiologist if:

- The child has difficulty understanding what people are saying.
- You think the child is speaking differently than other children the same age.
- As an infant, the child does not respond to sounds or people's voices.



## HOW CAN WE HELP?

**Statistics indicate that one in ten Americans have some form of hearing loss. Chances are that you know someone who could benefit from our Audiology Services.**

*(Services at LCGH include but are not limited to:)*

### HEARING SCREENINGS:

A brief test of pure tones (beeps) presented at different pitches and loudness levels to determine the degree and type of hearing loss present and help determine whether or not the loss is permanent or if a referral for medical treatment is necessary.



### IMPEDENCE TESTING:

This test measures the middle ear function including acoustic reflex thresholds and helps determine the need for medical follow-up.

### HEARING EVALUATION:

A comprehensive hearing test that obtains pure tone air and bone conduction thresholds, speech reception thresholds and speech discrimination ability scores.

### VNG (Vestibulonystagmography):

Testing is completed to provide physicians with information which may be important for making a diagnosis on a patient who is suffering from balance problems or dizziness.



### HEARING AID ASSESSMENT:

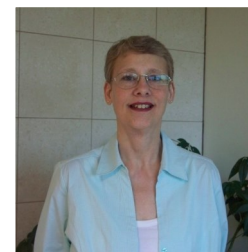
A hearing aid evaluation is completed on a patient after it is determined through the use of a hearing evaluation that he/she is a good candidate for amplification and that medical intervention will not improve the hearing loss. Different brands of hearing aids are tried on or a custom made aid is used on the patient to determine the best aid suited for that individual.

### HEARING AID MAINTENANCE:

Cleaning and checks to see if the hearing aid is working according to specifications.

## OUR AUDIOLOGIST

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