

Best Practice Pro Consultation Checklist



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Case History

Otoscopy

Auditory Assessment (must meet the requirement of state hearing aid dispensing laws)

Performed in an Acoustic environment that meets ANSI/ASA S3.1-1999 (R2018) standards

Air & Bone Conduction

Recorded Word Recognition Scores (WRS)

Speech Reception Thresholds (SRT)

Or Speech Awareness Thresholds (SAT) (if necessary)

UCL Testing

MCL Testing (if required by state laws)

Speech in Noise Testing (can also be completed at HAE or Fitting appointments)

Review of Results

Referral to Physician for Medical Clearance (if necessary)

FDA Red Flags

Visible congenital or traumatic deformity of the ear

Active drainage from the ear in the past 90 days

Sudden hearing loss within the past 90 days

Reported acute or chronic dizziness

Unilateral hearing loss of sudden or recent onset within 90 days

Air-Bone gap greater than 15dB at 500Hz, 1 & 2 kHz

Reported Pain or Discomfort

Visible evidence of excessive cerumen or foreign body in the ear

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Hearing Aid Evaluation



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Additional Diagnostic Testing

Unaided Speech in Noise Testing (can be completed at Consultation or Fitting as well)

Binaural Word Recognition Testing (if binaural WRS would provide value)

Style Discussion

RIC

BTE

Custom (ITE, ITC, CIC, IIC)

Lyric (if appropriate)

Earlens (if appropriate)

Bone Anchored (if appropriate)

Bone Bridge (if appropriate)

CROS, BiCROS, AmpCROS (if appropriate)

Cochlear Implant (if necessary)

Self-Perception of Hearing Loss Needs & Goals of Treatment (can be performed at HA fitting)

At least one of the following

COSI, HHIE, APHAB, COAT, IOI-HA, Etc.

Feature Discussion

Volume Control

On/Off Switch

Rechargeability

Telecoil & Looping

Bluetooth

Phone compatibility

App

FM or Remote Microphone Availability

Other Accessories

TV Streamer

Captioned Telephone

Etc

Technology Levels

Which Level & Why

Domes vs. Earmolds

Non-Auditory Assessment (if concerns are identified)

Cognitive

Vision

Dexterity

Recommendation of the Appropriate Hearing Aid for Patient

Discussion of Fitting and Follow-up Timeline

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Hearing Aid Fitting Checklist



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Pre-Fitting (Quality Control)

- Electro Acoustic Analysis (EAAs) – Test Box measures
- Listening Check
- Directional Microphone Verification (if device has 2 microphones)

Hearing Aid Fitting

- Physical Fit of Domes/Earmolds and Hearing Aid Devices
 - Comfort
 - Retention
 - Orientation of Device on/in ear
- Venting Assessment
 - Feedback Manager
 - Dome/Earmold Considered Appropriate
- Verification (Real Ear Measurement/Speech Mapping)
 - Using Validated Prescriptive Target
 - NAL-NL2
 - DSL i/o
 - Calibrated Signal (not live voice)
 - Average 65 dB SPL
 - Loud 80 dB SPL
 - Soft 50 dB SPL
 - Counseling of Results to Patient
- Pre-Subjective Outcome Assessment
 - COSI, APHAB, HHIE, COAT, IOI-HA, etc.

Orientation (a portion of these items can be covered in future fitting follow-up visits)

- Insertion & Removal
 - Patient Practice
 - Hardware Counseling
 - Patient Controls
 - Battery insertion/removal
 - Hearing Aid Charging
 - Connectivity (apps/phone)
 - Accessories
- Expectation Counseling
- Counseling on Adaptation Period
- Warranty Review
- Loss & Damage Review

Follow-up Scheduling

- Two (2) pre-scheduled Follow-up sessions

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Two (2) Fitting Follow-up Checklist



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Post-fit testing

Aided Speech in Noise Testing (if not performed already)

Review

Patient perceptions over first several weeks

Physical & Auditory Comfort?

Datalogging Review

Wear time

Programming Adjustments (if necessary)

Care & Maintenance

Cleaning of devices

Dehydration of devices

Feature Usage (as necessary)

Volume Adjustment

Programs

App Usage

Bluetooth

Accessory

Subjective Outcome Assessment (At least one (1) of the following)

COSI, APHAB, HHIE, COAT, IOI-HA, etc.

User Settings Documentation

2cc Coupler reference test at User Settings

Used for future verification purposes

Review

Warranty/Loss & Damage Review

Communication Strategies

Support Group Availability

Auditory Training Resources

LaceListening.com

ClearWorks4Ears.com

Etc.

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Performance Review (every 6 months)

- Datalogging Review & Reset
- Review of Patient's Perceived Performance
- Detailed Maintenance of Devices

Annually (in addition to performance review)

- Hearing Evaluation
 - Threshold check if no reported changes
 - Comprehensive Hearing Evaluation if changes to hearing reported
- Annual Hearing Aid EAAs

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