

Norwalk ENT Announces Availability Of Hearing Aids

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NORWALK, CT, September 14, 2013 /**24-7PressRelease**/ -- Thanks to technological advances, hearing aids have become more comfortable and precise in amplifying sound, and there are a wide variety of choices available to those suffering from all ranges of hearing loss.

If a patient is looking for a Norwalk hearing aid provider, Dr. Andrew Parker is available to offer you a full hearing assessment and work with you to choose the best device for your individual needs. Dr. Parker, a Westport ENT, will also help patients adjust their hearing aid as needed over time.

The first part of your hearing assessment requires Dr. Parker to take your complete hearing history, including your childhood record of infections, and he'll discuss the situations where you have the most problems hearing. A visual inspection of your ears will be done using an instrument called an otoscope to spot any medical issues such as impacted wax, infection, or ruptured eardrums. A patient's hearing may also be tested using various technologies, including an air conduction and bone conduction test.

Once the full hearing assessment is complete, Dr. Andrew Parker, a Norwalk ENT, can then go over with you the various hearing aids available that fit your needs. In the mid 1990's the first digital hearing aids began to become available, and since then digital technology has all but replaced the older, analog technology previously used with hearing aids. Digital hearing aid technology utilizes a tiny computer chip that digitally converts incoming sounds into codes, which are electronically analyzed based on the wearer's hearing loss and needs as well as the background noise at that time. The digital code is then converted into sound waves specifically adjusted to the user.

There are many styles of digital hearing aids available, and Dr. Parker can help patients choose the one that is most comfortable while accommodating their individual level of hearing loss. Hearing aids that are inserted completely in the ear canal are good for mild to moderate hearing loss in adults and are the most inconspicuous. Wind noise is all but eliminated with this type, and it works well with the telephone. The downside to in the canal hearing aids is a shorter battery life and lack of directional microphones.

Partially in the canal hearing aids are still fairly inconspicuous and can be equipped with directional features that fully in the canal devices cannot. Other styles of hearing aids include the half-shell, which are fitted in the bottom portion of the outer ear, the full shell, which are appropriate for severe hearing loss, and behind the ear hearing aids.

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To get more information on the styles and choices of hearing aids, Norwalk residents should contact Dr. Parker. Dr. Andrew Parker's Norwalk ENT office is opened Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 5pm and he can be reached at (203) 866-8121. You can also visit his website at <http://www.parkerent.com/> .

About Parker Ear Nose & Throat of Fairfield County: Dr. Andrew Parker is a board certified otolaryngologist and completed his residency at the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary, the oldest specialty hospital in the United States. In addition, he is the Chief of Surgery for the section of Ear, Nose and Throat at Norwalk Hospital and performs surgery when not practicing medicine at his office. Dr. Parker and his staff of licensed audiologists, a physician associate and another board certified physician, treat all Ear, Nose and Throat maladies including tinnitus, tonsils and hearing loss.

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