

CENTRAL ILLINOIS HEARING, LTD

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Characteristics of Amplification Tool (COAT)

Name _____ Date _____

Our goal is to maximize your ability to hear so that you can more easily communicate with others. In order to reach this goal, it is important that we understand your communications needs, your personal preferences, and your expectations. By having a better understanding of your needs, we can use our expertise to recommend hearing aids that are **the most appropriate for YOU**. By working together, we will find the best solution for your hearing needs.

Please complete the following questions. Be as honest as possible. Be as precise as possible. The answers will help us to be more successful in our recommendations. Thank you.

1. Please list the top three situations where you would most like to improve your hearing.

2. How would you describe your lifestyle? **(Circle One)** Very active / occasionally active / rarely active

3. How *motivated* are you to wear and use hearing aids? **(Circle One)** Very motivated / somewhat motivated / not motivated at all

4. How well do you think hearing aids will improve your hearing?
____ Not be helpful at all ____Somewhat helpful ____ Greatly improve my quality of life & hearing

5. How much difficulty do you have on the telephone? **(Circle one)** none / some / extreme

6. What is your most important consideration regarding hearing aids? **Rank in order the following factors, with 1 as the most important and 4 as the least important.** Please mark an "X" on the line if the item has no importance to you at all.

____ Hearing aid size and ability of other not to see the hearing aids.

____ Improved ability to hear and understand speech.

____ Improved ability to understand speech in noisy situations (ex: restaurants, parties)

____ Cost of hearing aids.

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7. Do you prefer hearing aids that: **(check one)**

- Are totally automatic so that you do not have to make any adjustments to them.
- Allow you to adjust the volume and change the listening programs as you see fit.
- No preference

8. There is a wide range of hearing aid prices. The cost of hearing aids depends upon the sophistication of the circuitry. We have five different levels (1, 3, 5, 7, & 9). The more sophisticated, the more expensive. Level “1” is our least expensive option with manual controls while Level “9” is the most advanced and carries the largest price, also fully automatic. Additionally, the costs include the professional services for routine follow-up care. Proper follow-up with our office is directly related to patient satisfaction.

Knowing the above, please check the cost category that represents the maximum amount you are willing to spend. Please understand that you are not locked into that price range. It is just very helpful for us to know your budget so that we can provide you with the most appropriate hearing aids.

<input type="checkbox"/> Level 1 Digital	\$1600.00 each or \$2550.00 pair	Basic amplification with limited features and limited noise reduction.
<input type="checkbox"/> Level 3 Digital	\$2200.00 each or \$3750.00 pair	Reduced features, slightly more channels than Level 1, made for quiet lifestyles.
<input type="checkbox"/> Level 5 Digital	\$2600.00 each or \$4550.00 pair	Limited noise reduction, for one-on-one conversations, made for lifestyles with little background noise
<input type="checkbox"/> Level 7 Digital	\$2950.00 each or \$5250.00 pair	Advanced signal processing, some automatic features, for casual to slightly active lifestyles
<input type="checkbox"/> Level 9 Digital	\$3350.00 each or \$6050.00 pair	Premium level amplification, for active lifestyles with frequent background noise, group settings, advanced automatic features, faster sound processing and environmental awareness
<input type="checkbox"/> Lithium-ion rechargeable kit:	\$300	

*All levels may or may not contain Bluetooth; some styles/models will directly pair to selected smartphones.

Please note that some insurance plans have hearing aid coverage whether we are in-network or out-of-network. Please call the customer service number on the back of your insurance card and ask for “benefits” for this information or Central Illinois Hearing staff can assist in determining your coverage upon request.

**Thank you for your responses.
Your Doctor of Audiology will use your answers to help
formulate an individual hearing rehabilitation plan and
amplification recommendation.**