Digital hearing aids can significantly enhance the quality of life for people with hearing loss because they now have many features that can help you hear in difficult listening situations. Digital hearing aids can:

- dramatically improve your awareness of surrounding sounds and voices
- adapt to noisy environments and improve sound quality
- help when listening on the telephone
- interface with Bluetooth® technology so you can more easily use a cell phone, iPod or mp3 player
- interface with your television so watching TV is comfortable for everyone

Digital hearing aids have many new features such as directional microphones, feedback management and automatic volume control that help address the social isolation and frustration hearing loss can cause.

Digital hearing aids are so much better than your parent’s hearing aids!
Developers of hearing aid technology often work closely with the scientists in an academic practice. In the modern digital world, this translates to digital hearing aids, with or without Bluetooth® interface, coming in a variety of discrete styles.

Modern styles differ by size, placement on or inside the ear and the degree to which amplification is needed. You will be advised about the optimum choice for you, depending on your lifestyle needs.

**IN-THE-EAR**
This style fits deeply inside the ear canal, making it well suited for a variety of hearing losses.

**BEHIND-THE-EAR**
This style is appropriate for all degrees of hearing loss—from mild to severe—and is a popular option for both adults and children.
**FITTING PROCESS**
Being fitted with hearing aids includes three office visits, an initial fit, a follow up for any adjustment and a follow up at three months. We will provide you with the latest hearing aid options and work with you to determine the best solution for your hearing loss. We will discuss care and maintenance and inform you of the quarterly battery club. Foreign language and American Sign Language interpretive services ensure each patient is involved in their hearing health care decisions.

**TRIAL PERIOD**
All hearing aids have a 30-day trial period. If for some reason you do not benefit from the aids, they can be returned for credit with a 12 percent restocking fee.

**REPAIRS**
Hearing aids come with a standard warranty that covers loss/damage and repairs. We will repair hearing aids purchased at another facility for a fee.
COCHLEAR IMPLANTS
The biggest breakthrough in hearing restoration is cochlear implantation, which can bring hearing to those who have never heard before. For adults and children that do not benefit from hearing aids cochlear implants may be an option. We are leaders in evaluating and detecting hearing loss in infants by 3 months of age and providing intervention by 6 months of age, which begins a critical time for speech and language development.

BONE ANCHORED HEARING AIDS
For some people with middle ear hearing loss or deafness in only one ear a bone anchored hearing aid (BAHA system) offers an alternative and better pathway for sound than traditional hearing aids.

ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES
For people who would like additional help with or without the use of hearing aids, assistive listening devices can help in difficult listening situations such as talking on the telephone, watching television with family and friends and situations that affect your safety.
COMPREHENSIVE EVALUATIONS

- Behavioral and physiological measures
- Real ear probe microphone testing
- Custom hearing protection and musicians’ earplugs
- Tinnitus maskers
Yale certified and licensed audiologists and speech-language pathologists provide personal attention, education and information to make decision-making easier. Yale audiologists ensure the technology meets the highest standard of performance and effectiveness with as much emphasis on affordability as possible.

Medical oversight is provided by board-certified physicians in otology and neurology, who when needed, reach out to other specialists within Yale Medical Group such as geriatrics, oncology, and head and neck specialists.

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