

What to Expect from Your Hearing Aids

It's hard to know what to expect from your hearing aids. How much will your hearing improve? How soon? Will your hearing be back to normal?

Getting hearing aids can open an exciting new world of sound, but it's easy to have unrealistic expectations. Here's some straightforward information to help you avoid frustration and disappointment.

Restore Hearing

Hearing aids will allow you to understand soft speech and help in noisy environments, but in most cases they won't restore your hearing to normal.

Background Noise

Hearing aids can't filter out all background noise. The most effective solution for improving speech clarity in noisy situations is hearing aids with directional microphones and noise reduction circuitry.

Hearing Sounds

Hearing aids should allow you to:

1. Hear soft sounds that you could not hear without amplification.
2. Endure loud sounds without discomfort. Very loud sounds that are uncomfortable to normal hearing people may also be uncomfortable for you.

Your Friend's Hearing Aid

Don't expect your friend's hearing aid to work for you. Hearing aids are prescribed based on individual needs.

Whistling and Feedback

It's normal for hearing aids to squeal or whistle when inserting them into your ear. If yours has a volume control, turn it down when inserting. If it squeals after the initial insertion, then your hearing aid probably doesn't fit properly. Consult with your Ascent Audiologist.



Types of Hearing Aids

Not all hearing aids perform the same with every type of hearing loss. Recommendations are made on an individual basis.

Expect Benefit

Expect your hearing aids to dramatically improve your ability to understand speech during your initial trial period. If they don't, they might need an adjustment. Never purchase a hearing aid that doesn't give you sufficient results.

Satisfaction Guarantee

Expect to be satisfied with your hearing aids. Expect the quality of your life to improve due to your hearing aids. Expect a 30-day trial period with a money-back guarantee if your hearing aids don't give you sufficient benefit.

Adjustment Period

Give your hearing aids a chance. Most people need a period of adjustment before getting the maximum benefit from their hearing aids. This could take up to 4 months.