

Better Hearing & Speech Month

Here are some options that will enhance your hearing – and your quality of life in the process

It has been said that “Hearing is one of one of the body’s five senses, but listening is an art.” Dr. Lisa Fell is a careful listener who began her audiology career in 1998. She has proudly owned Audiology Experts (1261 W. Green Oaks Boulevard, Suite 105) since 2008.

Her mission is to help people with hearing loss understand more with less effort in as many lifestyle situations as possible. From years of skillful experience, she’s learned how smarter hearing aid technology will help you to hear and understand better, at home, at work and play, every day.

Like mobile phones and other digital devices, hearing aid technology has advanced rapidly in recent years. Dr. Fell invites you to learn

how it’s your brain that hears, not your ears, and she can help you benefit from the first device proven to make hearing easier on your brain: Oticon Opn™. This device scans the environment 100 times per second to give you access to 360° of sound.

It distinguishes between speech and background noise, and helps identify where different sound sources are, while continually adjusting and balancing all sounds around you. These unique features enable your brain to make better sense of daily listening situations while providing more natural hearing experiences that are less emotionally and physically exhausting.

In addition to Opn™ delivering wireless connectivity to Apple devices, with a small Bluetooth accessory you can also connect to Android devices for phone calls. That device can also function as a remote microphone for both Apple and Android users, enabling conversations to be clearly heard up to 65 feet away in noisy environments. This advanced technology will improve your ability to hear and understand better in talking with healthcare providers or at spiritual events in houses of worship.

“In the spirit of ‘Better Hearing, Better Community’ and with May being Better Hearing & Speech Month, don’t wait years, take care of your ears,” Dr. Fell says. “You and your loved ones will be glad you did.”

For more: audiologyexperts.com.

Dr. Lisa Fell started Audiology Experts in 2008. She has been practicing audiology for more than two decades.



Protecting your hearing from harmful noise is important to preserving your hearing clarity. Dr. Melissa Danchak, owner of Kos/Danchak Audiology & Hearing Aids (101 W. Randol Mill Road), says the majority of people who experience a loss in hearing clarity have that loss because they have not effectively protected their ears – this is called “Noise Induced Hearing Loss.”

Everyday noise that can harm your ears includes:

- Power tools, chainsaws, woodworking equipment and lawnmowers
- Construction or industrial equipment
- Firearms
- Recreational noise – motorcycles, speedboats

Dr. Danchak recommends to all patients that they wear earplugs or earmuffs when they participate in the aforementioned endeavors.

Kos/Danchak offers an array of custom earplugs that will conform specifically to your ear canals and can be customized to provide you with the right protection for specific noise environments. Hunters earplugs (shown here) feature a valve that closes in the presence of impact noise. This allows shooters to hear clearly until the weapon is fired and still have some hearing protection from the gunfire. Other specialty custom earplugs include those for pilots, motorcyclists, military personnel and more.



In addition, the practice specializes in custom swim molds that can help reduce the amount of water that enters into the outer ear canal. This type of mold may be recommended for patients with external or middle ear precautions or tubes in the ear drum.

While everyone loves music, prolonged exposure to loud music can affect your hearing. That’s why Kos/Danchak creates custom ear pieces for musicians and listeners.

“For active people who love their music and want to upgrade from the ear buds or head phones that they already use with their iPod or MP3 player, Custom Musicians’ Ear Pieces or Ear Buds offer a clear, custom listening experience,” Dr. Danchak says. “They fit comfortably and their sound quality is outstanding.”

For more: northtxhearing.com.

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