



Here is what's new in our November 2018 Edition:

Layperson's Guide:

Over the Counter Hearing Devices: Since the passage of the Over-the-Counter Hearing Aid Act of 2017 the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has been working to create regulations regarding this new category of hearing device. OTC devices specifically for people with hearing loss are not yet on the market. If you are considering purchasing a device that claims to be in this new category, buyer beware. The next step will be a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) issued by the FDA, followed by an open comment period and then the final rules. After the final rules are in place, you still need to be an educated consumer: learn all you can about the device before you make that purchase. Please CLICK on this link to read more: [Layperson's Guide](#)

Guidance Articles:

FDA Approves First Self-fit Hearing Aid; Grants 'De Novo' Status to Bose Hearing Aid: The [US Food and Drug Administration](#) (FDA) today allowed marketing of a self-fit hearing device, the Bose Hearing Aid, intended to amplify sounds for individuals 18 years or older with perceived mild to moderate hearing loss, according to a [release](#) from FDA. This is the first hearing aid authorized for marketing by the FDA that enables users to fit, program, and control the hearing aid on their own, without assistance from a healthcare provider. Please CLICK on this link to read more: [Guidance Articles](#)

Current Research:

NEW WEBINAR: Depression, Hearing Loss, and Treatment with Hearing Aids: Research continues to link hearing loss to depression, loneliness, and many other chronic diseases. It would seem logical that hearing loss might lead to social isolation, then to loneliness, depression, and an erosion in quality of life. However, as [this webinar](#) by Victor Bray, PhD, of Salus University points out, the

problem may be *much more complicated*. Please CLICK on this link to read more: [Current Research](#)

Language Input Matters Earlier than You Think!: Children learn language and language skill far earlier than traditionally thought. We need to give HHD children input as soon as possible (ACI Conference, Washington DC, March 2018. Roberta Michnick Golinkoff, Ph.D., Giovanna Morini, Ph.D). Please CLICK on this link to read more: [Current Research](#)

Points Of View:

FDA Approves An OTC Hearing Aid – By Katherine Bouton: For the past year or so since the Over-the-Counter Hearing Aid Act of 2017 was passed, I and other hearing-loss advocates have patiently explained time and again that right now there are no [OTC hearing aids](#). That’s because the FDA approval process includes a three-year comment period before it publishes its final regulations. And until that time, only hearing “devices” can be sold over the counter. Or at least that was what we thought! Please CLICK on this link to read more: [Points Of View](#)

My Story:

Pediatric Hearing Loss and ‘The Listening Project’ Documentary: An Interview with Jane Madell, PhD: This is an interview with the director of The Listening Project and a trailer (visit <https://vimeo.com/252962848>) which consists of a few minutes of interviews and outcomes with amazing young people, all of whom were diagnosed or treated and fit with various technologies, and all of whom participated in auditory based therapy, with remarkable success. Readers are encouraged to click into the trailer. It’s fun, revealing, and authentic. Please CLICK on this link to read more: [My Story](#)