

Before You Read This Monograph

This monograph, *Practical Hearing Aid Selection and Fitting*, is not to be considered the ultimate and only text on how to select a hearing aid. Other excellent source texts have been written and are referenced at the end of most chapters. This monograph does offer a solid foundation for our audiology clinicians to access information on the current thinking and approaches to hearing aid selection and fitting to each individual when he or she is evaluated by the professional audiologist.

The purpose of this monograph is to make information available to the readership, which includes those with hearing impairment, audiology clinicians, and the researchers, so that they can, as partners, design a routine that would allow the client to use and maintain the devices independently and effectively, after becoming familiar with the techniques of operation of the specific device from a trained instructor.

The chapter authors do offer a solid technical foundation for our professional audiology clinicians to access information on the current thinking and approaches to hearing aid selection and fitting.

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