



Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center

Communication Disorders Department - Audiology

Policy and Procedure

SUBJECT: HEARING AID FITTING/ORIENTATION

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PURPOSE

To outline the procedures for hearing aid fitting/orientation.

POLICY

Hearing aid fitting/orientation is conducted for individuals of all ages as a result of a hearing aid assessment and procurement of a hearing aid(s). These procedures are used to ensure the hearing aid and/or amplification system is appropriate for the patient's hearing needs and used properly. Fitting/orientation may result in recommendation for further assessment or treatment.

Hearing Aid Fitting/Orientation is conducted according to the Fundamental Components of Preferred Practice Patterns.

PROCEDURES

1. Fitting/orientation may include but is not limited to:
 - a. Developmentally appropriate aided and/or unaided behavioral testing
 - b. Real-ear measurements
 - c. Electroacoustic evaluation of hearing aids
 - d. Ear mold modification
 - e. Evaluation of hearing aid use with other listening devices
 - f. Counseling/training
 - g. Discussion of communication strategies
2. Patients are advised to return to their hearing aid dispenser if the hearing aids do not meet their hearing needs or the hearing aids are malfunctioning and in need of repair or modification.
3. Patients suspected of having medical pathologies of the auditory system are referred for a medical evaluation prior to hearing aid assessment and fitting.
4. Patient and/or family members are counseled on care, use and operation of the hearing aid(s).
5. Specifications for electroacoustic equipment and ambient noise meet ANSI standards where applicable.

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