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The MarinHealth Audiology office is steps away from the main hospital, with Audiologists available to see inpatients, as ordered by the patient's provider, and for trouble shooting with hearing aids.

MarinHealth Outpatient Audiology Services serving the Marin Community:

As of April 2018, the MarinHealth Hearing and Speech Department moved to a new location with a spacious Audiology booth and new state-of-the-art equipment. Our patients have easy access to our offices, with convenient parking.



We have an active outpatient Audiology practice, serving the hearing needs of newborns, children, and adults. With referral from your provider, we perform baseline and annual Audiology testing, hearing aid evaluations, education to patients and their families about hearing preservation and functional hearing loss management to clients of all ages.



Provided services:

**Newborn Hearing Rescreens** 

OAE

Screening and Diagnostic ABR

VRA and play audiometry

**Tympanometry** 

Diagnostic Audiometry

Hearing aid evaluations

Hearing aid fittings

### May is Better Hearing and Speech Month

Each May, Better Hearing & Speech Month provides an opportunity to raise awareness about communication disorders and the role of Audiologists and Speech Pathologists in providing life-altering treatment.

This year, Better Hearing & Speech Month reflects the impact of the COVID-19 virus and features guidance for preventing or managing communication disorders at this challenging time. This week we will focus on hearing loss challenges for staff and patients. As staff participates in virtual meetings and patients meet with families over Zoom, please note these suggestions to optimize communication.

# **Hearing Loss and Remote Work (COVID-19)**

Tips for Effective Communication During Virtual Meetings





By taking some simple steps, people with hearing loss can optimize their participation in virtual meetings:

- Use Earbuds/Headphones With Your Computer or Device. Many earbuds
  and headphones have noise-canceling capabilities that can make it easier to hear the
  dialogue, without needing to increase the volume. They can also reduce background noise.
- Sync Up With Hearing Aids. If you wear hearing aids, ask your audiologist if there is
  a connectivity option that would allow your hearing aids to connect via Bluetooth directly
  to the device you use for virtual meetings.
- **Speak Up**. Effective communication is a universal right for all. Talk to your employer and advocate for yourself if you are not able to hear or understand during meetings.

Learn more at www.asha.org/public



#### Head and Neck Cancer

# Audiology

Audiologists play an important role in the assessment, diagnosis, and rehabilitation of the hearing and vestibular changes in patients with head and neck cancers. Auditory damage may be a complication of oncological therapy in patients receiving chemotherapy and/or radiation.

Your visit to the audiologist might include:

- A comprehensive assessment using behavioral, electroacoustic and/or electrophysiological methods to evaluate hearing, auditory function, vestibular and balance function.
- Testing may include pure tone audiometry (air and bone conduction), speech audiometry, tympanometry, acoustic reflex testing, and distortion product otoacoustic emissions testing.

Your audiologist will discuss the results with you and determine your treatment plan.

## Treatment might include:

- Determining candidacy for amplification, assistive technology, and vestibular rehabilitation.
- Fitting and maintaining amplification and other sensory devices.
- Counseling the patient with head and neck cancer and his or her family regarding the psychosocial aspects of hearing loss and other auditory processing dysfunction, modes of communication and assistive devices.
- Advocating for the communication needs of the patient, including the rights and funding of services for those with hearing loss, auditory and/or vestibular disorders.

Audiology services may be available in your otolaryngologist's office. If not, we look forward to helping you navigate your communication and rehabilitation needs at the MarinHealth Medical Center Hearing and Speech Department. You may reach us at 415-925-7220 or by email at

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Hearing and Speech Department