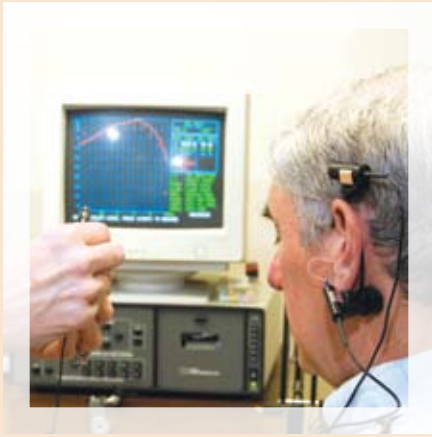


Comprehensive hearing exams & Real-Ear measurements.

A complete, accurate diagnosis is the key to helping you hear your best.



Unless your hearing loss is detected in its early stages, it may negatively impact your psychological and physical well-being. Some studies suggest there may be a link between hearing loss and heart disease and high blood pressure. Also, compared to hearing-impaired people who use hearing aids, those who do not use hearing aids are more likely to report depression, anxiety, insecurity, emotional turmoil and less social activity. On the other hand, people whose hearing loss is treated often report benefits, including better relationships with family and friends, better feelings about themselves and greater independence and security. For a thorough evaluation of your hearing problem, look to Dr. Gail Linn at Potomac Audiology. She can tell whether or not you have hearing loss by conducting a comprehensive hearing evaluation. She performs hearing exams for adults and children aged 10 and up.

Dr. Linn uses many state-of-the-art diagnostic capabilities, including tympanometry and speech and noise testing. In addition, she is one of only a handful of audiologists in the area who offer Real-Ear measurements, which are the key to successful hearing aid fitting and performance. Real-Ear measurements produce a graph of what your prescription should be and what your hearing aids are actually putting out so that any necessary adjustments can be made. Comfortable and efficient, Real-Ear measurements involve the placement of a small tube into the ear at the time of programming, which ensures that the hearing aid is delivering the proper amount of amplification across the frequencies. Because everyone's ear canal and cavity are different, this is an essential protocol to ensure the hearing aid is not over-amplifying or under-amplifying.

Dr. Linn has been using Real-Ear measurements since the early 1990s and considers them the "gold standard" in hearing aid fitting. She uses Real-Ear measurements for all of her patients at both their initial fitting and follow-up appointments.

While hearing tests and Real-Ear measurements are paramount to helping you hear your best, so too is ongoing care. That's why Dr. Linn provides you with follow-up appointments, counseling and needs assessments and continued hearing aid maintenance. All of this can help you hear well into the future!

If you or a family member notices that you are not hearing as well as you should, call (240) 477-1010 and schedule your personal appointment with Dr. Linn today.

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