

TYPES/STYLES OF HEARING AIDS

The most appropriate hearing aid for any one person is going to be determined by the patient's type and degree of hearing loss as well as their communication needs.

- Behind-the-Ear** (BTE) Actual hearing aid is worn in back of the ear. It is coupled with an earmold that fits into the ear canal.
- Most durable style in terms of life and repair record
 - Most flexible aid in terms of types of losses that can be fit
- In-the-Ear** (ITE) Hearing aid fits in the cave of the outer ear
- Easy to manipulate
 - Most losses can be fit with this style
- In-the-Canal** (ITC) A miniaturized version of the regular in-the-ear hearing aids. Fills the outer canal of the ear.
- Most expensive style
 - Not as easy to manipulate
 - Least amount of flexibility

CIRCUITRY OPTIONS

- Conventional** Basic circuitry
Will make all sounds louder
Least expensive
Price Range: \$1000-\$1500
- Programmable** Higher technology than conventional
More flexibility
Computer programmable adjustments
Multiple programming memories, if desired
Price Range: \$1500-\$1800
- Digital** Digital Signal Processing
Most advanced technology
Computer programmable adjustments
Better hearing in noise due to directional microphone capability
Automatic volume control
Clearer, more natural sound quality
Multiple programming memories
Price Range: \$1800-\$3000