



OUR STAFF

An audiologist is a healthcare professional who is trained to diagnose, treat and manage individuals with hearing loss and balance disorders. Audiologists also provide rehabilitative services including the dispensing and fitting of hearing devices and counseling for the hearing impaired and their family members. Audiologists hold master's or doctoral degrees from accredited universities and are required to complete a minimum nine-month, full-time internship and pass a national certification examination in Audiology.

The audiologists at Advanced Hearing Services are all certified by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and are licensed by the Commonwealth of Virginia to practice Audiology and dispense hearing aids. Our staff is highly experienced in the evaluation and management of hearing disorders. We are trained to detect the nature of the hearing disorder and are qualified to determine whether amplification (hearing aids) or a medical referral to our affiliated company, Otolaryngology Associates, is most appropriate for your rehabilitative care.

Our audiologists are among the most experienced hearing healthcare professionals and hearing aid dispensers in Northern Virginia. We provide sales, fitting, orientation and service for all types, styles and major manufacturers of hearing devices including Widex, Oticon, ReSound, Phonak and Siemens. We have helped countless children and adults improve their quality of life through our use of customized, programmable hearing devices and advanced digital technology.



OUR LOCATIONS

Yorktown 50 Office Building
8316 Arlington Boulevard, Suite 330
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WELCOME TO ADVANCED HEARING SERVICES, INC.

We are a regional audiology practice owned and operated by the physicians of Otolaryngology Associates, PC, the premier ear, nose and throat medical practice of Northern Virginia. Our certified audiologists are committed to providing the highest level of hearing healthcare and hearing aid sales and service in a comfortable and professional private practice setting.

OUR PROFESSIONAL AUDIOLOGISTS

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Douglas H. Breithaupt, M.S., C.C.C.-A. is the Director of Clinical Affairs for Advanced Hearing Services, Inc. He holds a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Audiology from Ithaca College. He joined our affiliated company, Otolaryngology Associates, in 1976 and later transitioned to Advanced Hearing Services. Mr. Breithaupt established the inpatient Audiology Department at the Inova Fairfax Hospital and was a founding member of the Inova Fairfax Hospital Cranio-Facial Rehabilitation Team.



Christine A. Softe, Au.D., C.C.C.-A., F.A.A.A. joined the practice in 1995 and has been serving our Reston patients since 1997. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Speech Pathology and Audiology from West Virginia University and a Master's Degree in Audiology from George Washington University. She received her Doctorate of Audiology in 2004 from the Arizona School of Health Sciences. Dr. Sofie is a Fellow of the American Academy of Audiology and is a professional member of the Hearing Loss Association of America.



Carol M. Hudner, C.C.C.-A., F.A.A.A., a recent addition to our group and to northern Virginia, has been a practicing audiologist since 1985. She earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Boston College in 1983 and her Master of Science in Audiology from Northeastern University in 1985. Ms. Hudner has held a variety of clinical audiology positions and most recently was a staff member of the Hearing Technology Center of the Children's Hospital Boston. She has extensive experience in diagnostic and rehabilitative audiology, including pediatric and adult advanced digital hearing aid dispensing.



Kelly M. Roma, Au.D., F.A.A.A. joined our Centreville office in 2009. She earned her Doctor of Audiology Degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo in May 2008, her Master of Arts Degree in Audiology from SUNY at Buffalo in 2007, and her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communicative Disorders from SUNY Fredonia in 2004. She completed an internship at a hearing aid manufacturer, leading to her doctoral research project concerning hearing aids in third world countries. Before joining our group, Dr. Roma was a Clinical Audiologist at Better Hearing Center in Concord, New Hampshire. Her clinical interests include diagnostic

hearing assessment of adults and children, hearing aid fitting and follow-up, and central auditory processing evaluations. She is currently recognized as a Fellow and is Board Certified in Audiology by the American Academy of Audiology.



Sara S. Garrison, Au.D., C.C.C.-A. joined our Fairfax office in 2010. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Speech and Hearing Sciences at the University of Iowa in 2001, her Master's Degree in Audiology from University of Maryland-College Park in 2003, and her Clinical Doctorate (Au.D.) from Salus University in 2007. Dr. Garrison has held previous positions in audiology in the DC metro area since 2003. Most recently, she was a Clinical Audiologist with Blank Children's Hospital in Des Moines, Iowa. Dr. Garrison has extensive experience with diagnostic testing, vestibular testing and rehabilitative audiology, including pediatric and adult hearing aid fitting.



Kelsey D. Nielsen, Au.D., C.C.C.-A., F.A.A.A. joined our Fairfax office in 2010. She earned her Doctor of Audiology Degree from Towson University (Towson, MD) in May 2010, and her Bachelor of Science Degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders from James Madison University (Harrisonburg, VA) in May 2006. Dr. Nielsen completed her fourth year externship with the Greater Baltimore Medical Center (Towson, MD) Audiology department. Her experience includes newborn through geriatric audiological diagnostic evaluation as well as pediatric and adult hearing aid dispensing. Dr. Nielsen is recognized as a Fellow of the American Academy of Audiology and is certified by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.



OUR SERVICES

For your convenience, we provide complete hearing evaluation services at three locations. All offices are equipped with state-of-the-art diagnostic equipment and provide a complete range of audiology services to patients of all ages, infant through geriatrics.

You can schedule your initial complimentary consultation with one of our licensed and certified clinical audiologists by calling our Fairfax office at 703-573-7606, our Centreville office at 703-968-9087 or our Reston office at 703-834-2907.



During your visit, the audiologist will discuss your communication concerns, needs and expectations, and complete a thorough case history. If the results of our consult suggest amplification may be appropriate, you will have the opportunity to undergo a complete hearing evaluation. Once the hearing evaluation is completed, the audiologist will discuss the most appropriate treatment options available for your situation. Options may include effective use of various communication strategies, utilization of assistive listening devices and/or recommendations for hearing instruments. Should your test results suggest the need for medical follow-up, the audiologist will provide you with the appropriate physician referral.

OUR FEES

All diagnostic testing is performed by our affiliate, Otolaryngology Associates, PC, which participates in most major health plans, including Medicare. Payment for hearing devices and services provided by Advanced Hearing Services, Inc. is the direct responsibility of the patient. Although Advanced Hearing Services does not accept insurance, we will provide you with an itemized receipt containing all information necessary for you to file for reimbursement from your insurance company for covered services.



YOUR SATISFACTION

Understanding how to use hearing instruments is key to enjoying the many benefits provided by today's advanced technology. Should you choose to purchase a hearing instrument or other type of amplification system, our audiologist will automatically schedule a three-week, follow-up appointment at no additional charge to discuss your questions or concerns. We also encourage all patients to contact us immediately if they are experiencing any problems with their new hearing instruments. Your satisfaction with our services and products is most important to us. As a result, our audiologists are available for free follow-up appointments for the life of the hearing device.



All our instruments have a minimum 30-day trial period. If you find that the instruments recommended do not meet your needs, other products can be tried and trial periods extended. If you do not feel amplification is working for you, the hearing device can be returned for a full refund, less our professional fee, during the designated trial period.

TEN WAYS TO RECOGNIZE HEARING LOSS*

If you answer "yes" to three or more of these questions, you need to have your hearing evaluated by a hearing professional.

- Do you have a problem hearing over the telephone?
- Do you have trouble following the conversation when two or more people are talking at the same time?
- Do people complain that you turn the television volume up too high?
- Do you strain to understand conversation?
- Do you have trouble hearing in a noisy background?
- Do you find yourself asking people to repeat him or herself?
- Do many people you talk to seem to mumble (or not speak clearly)?
- Do you misunderstand what others are saying and respond inappropriately?
- Do you have trouble understanding the speech of women and children?
- Do people get annoyed because you misunderstand what they say?

*Courtesy of the National Institute of Deafness and other Communication Disorders – one of the National Institutes of Health.

