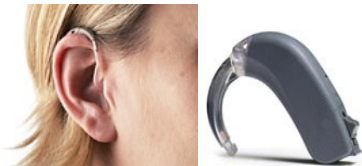


Hearing Instrument Information



Mini Behind The Ear (mini-BTE) Hearing aids are a smaller version of the standard BTE hearing aid. The device has most of the same features and benefits of a full size BTE hearing aid, only in a miniature case. The aid features a small dome which fits into the ear canal, leaving the ear open to the environment allowing patients to hear low frequencies and their own voice more naturally. This device helps avoid the feeling of pressure sometimes observed from individuals fit with custom fit products. This hearing aid is “virtually invisible.”

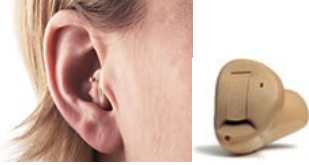


Behind-The-Ear (BTE) hearing aids sit behind the ear and deliver sound to the ear by a tube which fits into a custom mold shaped to the patient's ear. BTE hearing aids are the most flexible for all ages and types of hearing loss and can include multiple programs and volume controls. This device is generally less susceptible to factors such as wax and moisture. BTE hearing aids are the most powerful hearing aids available.



In-the-Ear (ITE) hearing aids are custom made to the patient's ear. The hearing device is housed within the custom made shell. This style allows for multiple program options (if applicable to technology). This style of hearing aid is most appropriate for mild to moderately-severe hearing losses.

Hearing Instrument Information



In-The-Canal (ITC) hearing aids are a smaller version of the ITE and are more cosmetically appealing than the ITE. The device sits just inside the ear canal. This style of aid allows for multiple program options (if applicable to technology). This hearing aid is most appropriate for mild to moderate hearing losses.



Completely-In-The-Canal (CIC) hearing aids are the most cosmetically appealing custom device and are “virtually” invisible. This hearing aid is the tiniest of the custom devices and fits deeper in the ear canal. This device may be limited on features. CIC hearing aids are most appropriate from mild to moderate hearing losses. This style of hearing aid is more susceptible to wax and moisture due to their small size, which can often increase the need for repairs.