

Characteristics of Amplification Tool (COAT)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Our goal is to maximize your ability to hear so that you can more easily communicate with others. In order to reach this goal, it is important that we understand your communication needs, your personal preferences, and your expectations. By having a better understanding of your needs, we can use our expertise to recommend the hearing aids that are most appropriate for you. By working together we can find the best solution for you.

Please complete the following questions. Be as honest as possible. Be as precise as possible. Thank you.

1. Please list the top three situations where you would most like to hear well. Be as specific as possible.

2. How important is it for you to hear well? Mark an X on the line.

Not Very Important ----- *Very Important*

3. How motivated are you to wear and use hearing aids? Mark an X on the line.

Not Very Motivated ----- *Very Motivated*

4. How well do you think hearing aids will improve your hearing? Mark an X on the line.

I expect them to:

Not be helpful ----- *Greatly improve my at all hearing*

5. What is your most important consideration regarding hearing aids?

Rank order the following factors with **1** as the most important and **4** as the least important.

Place an X on the line if the item has no importance to you at all.

- ___ Hearing aid size and the ability of others not to see the hearing aids
- ___ Improved ability to hear and understand speech
- ___ Improved ability to understand speech in noisy situations (e.g., restaurants, parties)
- ___ Cost of the hearing aids

6. Do you prefer hearing aids that: (check one)

- are totally automatic so that you do not have to make any adjustments to them.
- allow you to adjust the volume and change the listening programs as you see fit.
- no preference

7. Look at the pictures of the hearing aids. Please place an X on the picture or pictures of the style you would **NOT** be willing to use. Your audiologist will discuss with you if your choices are appropriate for you – given your hearing loss and physical shape of your ear.



8. How confident do you feel that you will be successful in using hearing aids?

Not Very Confident ----- *Very Confident*

9. There is a wide range of prices for hearing aids. The price of hearing aids depends on a variety of factors including style, performance, and features. For example, higher level technology is more expensive than the more basic hearing technology. Very small hearing aids are more expensive than the larger instruments. Hearing aids that have more automatic or special features are more expensive than manual or entry-level instruments.

The price ranges listed below are for **one** hearing aid. Please check the price range that represents the **maximum** amount you are willing to spend. Please understand that you are not locked into that price range. It is just very helpful for us to know your budget so that we can provide you with the most appropriate hearing aids.

- Entry level digital hearing aids: \$800 to \$1300 each
- Basic Plus digital hearing aids: \$1400 to \$1900 each
- Mid-level digital hearing aids: \$2000 to \$2700 each
- Premium digital hearing aids: \$2800 to \$3300 each

**Thank you for answering the questions.
Your responses will assist us in providing you with the best hearing healthcare.**