STUDY SHOWS

83%

of prescription hearing aid users reported satisfaction with their devices.

What Are Over-the-Counter Hearing Aids?

Also called "OTCs" or "OTC hearing aids," these devices are a new class of hearing instruments that are specific to the U.S.

What Are Prescription Hearing Aids?

These are customizable hearing devices fitted by a licensed hearing care professional. They are more powerful and complex than OTC devices and can address a wider range of hearing problems.

Why Refer to an Audiologist?

OTCs are designed only for adults with perceived mild to moderate hearing loss. They might not align with the patient's actual hearing loss, which could be greater than perceived, and are not appropriate for children with hearing loss.

OVER-THE-COUNTER VS. PRESCRIPTION

Complete evaluation of the auditory system by a doctor of audiology	✗	✓
Confirmed hearing loss diagnosis	✗	✓
Hearing solutions for all ages	✗	✓
Verification of amplification levels	✗	✓
Real-ear measurement	✗	✓
Discreet, customized options	✗	✓
Return policy (in most states)	✗	✓
Walk-in and same-day appointments available	✗	✓

FAST FACTS

1 in 4 adults over 60 is living with disabling hearing loss.
Adults with noticeable hearing loss generally wait **7-10 years** before seeking care.
Less than one-fifth of people who could benefit from hearing aids actually use them.

Our knowledgeable team can provide solutions tailored to your patients' specific hearing needs. For referrals or questions about prescription devices versus OTCs, call today! 516.387.4000

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