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## WHY DO I NEED 2 HEARING AIDS?

If you have difficulty seeing from both eyes, would you consider wearing only a monocle on one eye to see better? Of course not. You would have difficulty with depth perception and only slightly improved

vision. Your brain would interpret images easier with both eyes working equally. The same goes for hearing. If you

have hearing loss in both ears, then wearing a hearing aid in only one ear will throw off your localization ability. It will also make it harder for your brain to separate speech from background noise. Studies also show that adapting to amplification is easier when wearing 2 hearing aids vs. wearing only 1.

It's our brains that hear, not necessarily our ears. They are the "funnels" for sound. Our brains can localize, or find, a sound by determining which ear is picking up the sound first and where it is

loudest. If you wear a hearing aid in your right ear and a car is coming from the left side, your brain will perceive the car as coming from the right because that is the ear that will hear the car the

loudest. You will look to the right to find the car but it won't be there. Don't keep walking! It is difficult for

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normal hearing individuals to understand speech in the presence of background noise. It's even harder for someone with hearing loss who is only wearing one hearing aid. All of the sounds; noise and speech, are being funneled into the hearing aid and hitting one side of the brain. It's much easier for the brain to decipher speech from background noise when both hemispheres are working together. Why use only half your brain?

Have a question you'd like answered? Email us at [lcummins@spartanburgent.com](mailto:lcummins@spartanburgent.com) and we may include it in our next newsletter.

## DID YOU KNOW....

Hearing aid batteries do not last longer if stored in the refrigerator. As a matter of fact, they may sweat when they warm up in your hearing aid and that condensation can cause your hearing aid to short out. Store your batteries at room temperature and away from any medications.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

To Mandy Raisch, Au.D. and her husband Devon on the birth of their 3<sup>rd</sup> child, a daughter, Maddyson Ann, on February 27.

## ANNUAL HEARING EXAM

Has it been a while since your last hearing test? Do you wear hearing aids? If so, an annual hearing test is recommended. If you've had a change in hearing, then we can adjust your hearing aids to reflect the change to optimize your communication needs. Call today to schedule your annual evaluation.

