

# Sound BYTES

INFORMATION FOR YOUR EARS

## MOISTURE AND HEARING AIDS

Summer is right around the corner. For many that means more time outdoors, gardening, and on the lake. Wisconsin summers are hard to beat; however, the heat and humidity are no friends to hearing devices. Hearing aids are electronic devices, so they do not prefer extreme temperatures or moisture. This spring we have already seen an increase in moisture issues for many of our patients. Signs of moisture include static, intermittent function, or a completely dead device. Luckily, there are several options to help prevent moisture build-up.

1. Remove your devices before swimming, showering or activities that cause excessive perspiration. Remember: hearing aids are not waterproof.
2. After removing your devices, be sure to wipe them down with a dry, clean cloth.
3. Use a *Hearing Aid Saver*, *Electronic Dryer*, or add a *desiccant* to your rechargeable case. These tools are designed to remove moisture from the devices overnight. All options are available for purchase at the office.
4. For traditional behind the ear hearing aids check your tubing for moisture droplets. If you see droplets disconnect the tube from the ear hook and use a *hearing aid blower* to remove the droplets from the tube.

If you are unsure, we are here to help.



## Congratulations, Dr. Vicky Talmage!

We are proud to announce the graduation of our Fourth Year Extern, Victoria Talmage, from the University of Wisconsin - Madison. Dr. Talmage was able to attend the ceremony held in Camp Randall on May 8, 2021. We are also excited to announce that Dr. Talmage has joined the staff of Professional Hearing Services and will be practicing out of the Waukesha location. Congratulations on all your accomplishments.



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