## Metropolitan ENT Audiology

## Services we Offer

In the Metropolitan ENT Audiology department, we diagnose hearing loss and vestibular (balance) disorders, perform electrophysiological tests, and dispense and adjust hearing aids. We work with CareCredit, which offers 12-months interest-free financing for the purchase of hearing aids, and some insurances even have hearing aid benefits!

We work with all major manufacturers of hearing aids, including Starkey, Widex, Siemens, Phonak, and ReSound, as well as implantable devices such as the Bone Anchored Hearing Aid (BAHA).

When you purchase hearing aids through our office, we provide you with:

- Batteries for the warranty period of the hearing aids (between one and three years)
- Free follow-up visits for adjustments and cleanings of your hearing aids
- A 30-day trial period

## The Difference Between an Audiologist and a Hearing Instrument Specialist

An Audiologist is an individual who has specialized training in vestibular disorders, diagnostic audiology, and the adjustment of hearing aids. All three audiologists at Metropolitan ENT possess the required degree of a Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.) degree, and are all licensed by the American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA), as well as licensed by the State of Virginia as audiologists and dispensing audiologists that can sell and adjust hearing aids.

A Hearing Instrument Specialist (H.I.S.) is an individual who has served as a student of a licensed H.I.S. and taken an exam to dispense hearing aids. These individual's are given three chances to pass an exam, and then they are able to sell you hearing aids.

In searching for someone to help you hear better, you are making an investment in your overall health. Do you want to leave that to someone who has specialized training in what they do? Or do you want to leave it to someone who can pass a simple exam?

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