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Constantine Karolidis is a Hearing Instrument Specialist with over 20 years of experience and owner of Halton Audiometric Centre. Call 905-877-8828 or visit their state-of-the-art clinic at Unit 44, 360 Guelph St., Georgetown.

Things to consider when selecting a hearing healthcare professional

There are an ever-growing number of choices in hearing clinics across the Province of Ontario.

To choose a clinic that is best suited for you, consider these points:

- 1. Choose a clinic that is convenient for you to access and can take care of your needs in a timely manner. Your hearing healthcare provider should regularly examine your hearing aids to ensure optimum performance.
- 2. Work with a clinic that routinely verifies and validates every fitting correctly. It should involve a process that uses speech signals to objectively verify that your hearing aids are in fact, improving your ability to hear. Research has proven that proper verification of hearing aid fittings leads to increased satisfaction and it just makes good sense.
- 3. If you are not happy with your hearing instruments, tell your hearing healthcare professional. It is your right to have at least 30-days to try out your hearing aids. If you are not happy with your selection, you should have the ability to exchange or return them

4. Consider the credentials, professional affiliations, and years of experience your hearing healthcare professional has. Members of the Association of **Hearing Instrument Practitioners** of Ontario are registered providers with the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care; they are also recognized and provide services under the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board, Veterans Affairs Canada, Ministry of Community and Social Services, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch and all major insurance carriers.

Hearing aids lead to a better quality of life. Everyone has different reasons for why they put off seeking help for hearing loss, from price issues and vanity concerns to preconceived and often outdated ideas of how hearing aids perform. Visit a hearing healthcare professional today. You'll love what you hear!

Submitted by Constantine Karolidis, Hearing Instrument Specialist. Sources: Better Hearing Institute and The Association of Hearing Instrument Practitioners of Ontario



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Christine is a Registered Physiotherapist with the College of Physiotherapists of Ontario, and has experience treating a wide range of orthopedic, neurological, and vestibular conditions. Christine has received training in the assessment and treatment of post-concussion syndrome, vertigo, and general "dizziness" problems, and has also completed various post-graduate courses with a focus on treatment of the shoulder and upper limb. With over ten years of experience teaching recreational and competitive dance, Christine also has a special interest in treating young dancers and gymnasts. Christine is thrilled to bring her skills and experience to the Halton Hills community.

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