

# HEALTH CARE

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## Hearing loss is more visible than a hearing aid

More than half of Canadians over the age of 65 will experience some degree of hearing loss; yet, the average person has trouble hearing for seven to 10 years before having their hearing examined by a hearing healthcare professional.

Studies have shown that people with a mild hearing loss are twice as likely to develop dementia and that hearing loss can lead to social isolation and depression. Untreated hearing loss has been linked to reduced alertness and increased risk to personal safety.

"There are many reasons why patients continue to suffer with hearing loss, such as cost, confusion over what benefits hearing aids can provide. Today's technology allows us to fit a large number of people with cosmetically appealing and in some cases 'invisible' hearing aids," says **Constantine Karolidis (left)**, a Georgetown native with over 19 years of experience as a Hearing Instrument Specialist.

Halton Audiometric Centre provides complimentary consultations to identify which affordable hearing aid products may be recommended for each patient's unique hearing loss.

If you or a loved one:

- Often ask people to repeat themselves
- Have trouble understanding what's being said
- Have trouble hearing in noisy situations
- Often complain about people mumbling
- Experience persistent ringing in your ears

Call 905-877-8828 or visit their state-of-the-art clinic at Unit 44, 360 Guelph Street, Georgetown.

Sources: ASHA, Hearing Foundation of Canada, Better Hearing institute



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