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Things to consider when selecting a hearing healthcare professional

There are many things to consider when selecting a hearing healthcare professional.

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for why they put off seeking help for hearing loss, from price issues and vanity concerns to preconceived, and often outdated, ideas of how hearing aids perform.

Visiting a hearing healthcare professional can help you make the best-informed decision on what is best for your needs.

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

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

- Ensure you are offered choice. Some clinics are owned by manufacturers of hearing aids or their parent corporations. Consider the ownership of the clinic and ensure that the products selected best suit you and not the clinic.

- 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.

- 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.

- 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.

- 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.

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Did you know?

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