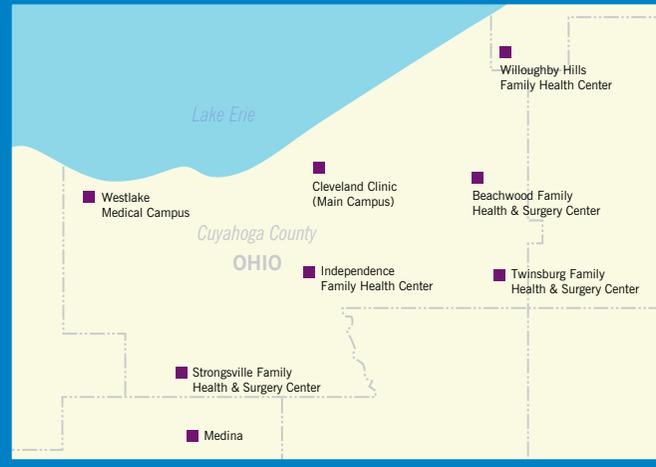


# Audiology

Meeting your hearing health needs

Call 216.444.8500 or 800.223.2273, ext. 8500, to make an appointment with one of our hearing specialists.



**Cleveland Clinic's hearing program extends into the community, with audiologists at convenient locations throughout Northeast Ohio.**



Every life deserves world class care.

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Cleveland Clinic is a nonprofit multispecialty academic medical center integrating clinical and hospital care with research and education for better patient care. More than 3,000 staff physicians and researchers in 120 medical specialties provide services through 27 patient-centered institutes. Cleveland Clinic's health system comprises a main campus, eight regional hospitals and more than 90 outpatient locations, with 18 family health centers in northern Ohio, and medical facilities in Florida, Nevada, Toronto and Abu Dhabi. Cleveland Clinic is consistently ranked among the top four hospitals in America (*U.S. News & World Report*). [clevelandclinic.org](http://clevelandclinic.org)

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## Services we offer

Cleveland Clinic audiologists provide advanced, comprehensive care, including:

- **Hearing evaluation**
- **Hearing needs assessment**
- **Hearing aid service and repair**
- **Hearing aid batteries and accessories**
- **Custom-made earmolds, hearing protection and swim plugs**
- **Assistive listening devices and alerting devices**
- **Cochlear implants\***
- **Bone-anchored implants\*\***
- **Auditory-based therapy\*\***

\* Available only at our main campus and at Willoughby Hills Family Health Center

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Good hearing is part of a full and active life. Let us help you achieve a world of better hearing.

## About hearing loss

Approximately 30 million people in the United States have some degree of hearing loss (about 1 in every 10 people). Most people with hearing loss, however, can be helped by hearing devices. Hearing aid technology has improved tremendously over the past 10 years. We fit patients with the latest state-of-the-art technology that meets their individual needs and lifestyle.

## Signs of hearing problems

Early warning signs or changes in your behavior that may be related to hearing loss include:

- **Complaining that people mumble**
- **Continually asking people to repeat what they have said**
- **Avoiding noisy rooms, social occasions or family gatherings**
- **Preferring the television or radio to be louder than other people do**
- **Having trouble hearing at the movies or theater, your house of worship or other public gatherings**

## How to obtain hearing devices

### Step 1 Hearing test

Schedule an appointment to have your hearing evaluated by one of the licensed and certified audiologists at Cleveland Clinic. The evaluation determines the degree and type of hearing loss as well as its impact on your ability to communicate. The test results will allow the audiologist to determine what devices are right for you.

### Step 2 Medical clearance for hearing device use

It is in your best health interest to obtain medical clearance from your physician prior to your hearing device fitting. You must have a written statement (medical clearance) from your physician, or sign a medical waiver (only in the absence of otologic [ear] problems.)

### Step 3 Hearing needs assessment

Your audiologist will discuss with you and your family members the various styles of hearing devices, the latest technological advancements and realistic expectations for hearing device use. Cleveland Clinic offers a full line of state-of-the-art hearing devices and accessories.

Together, you and your audiologist will decide what is most appropriate for your lifestyle and communication needs, as well as financial considerations.

### Step 4 Hearing device fitting

Approximately 2 to 3 weeks after your hearing needs assessment, you will return to be fitted with your hearing devices. The proper use, care and maintenance of the devices will be explained to you at this time. All hearing devices have a 30-day right-to-return period, which gives you time to evaluate how well the devices work for you in everyday life. During this 30-day period, you will be scheduled to return for at least one follow-up visit.

- **Having difficulty understanding people when you cannot see their faces**
- **Having difficulty understanding conversations in a group**
- **Becoming more impatient, irritable, frustrated or withdrawn**
- **Finding yourself straining to hear conversations**

If you suspect you have a hearing loss, call to schedule a comprehensive hearing evaluation with an audiologist at any of the locations listed on the back of this brochure.

## Did you know?

Hearing loss treatment has been shown to improve:

- **Earning power**
- **Intimacy and family relationships**
- **Ease in communication**
- **Physical health**
- **Sense of control over life events**