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How To Choose A Hearing Clinic

In selecting a hearing clinic your doctor or 'ear specialist' may refer you, or you may choose a clinic on your own since no referral is needed. In deciding on the best hearing clinic for you, there are several considerations.

Location: You will likely be making several visits to the clinic particularly if a hearing aid is needed, therefore, a convenient location is recommended. Follow-up appointments for minor hearing aid adjustments, purchase of hearing aid batteries, annual check-ups and hearing aid cleanings are typical.

Office Hours: The clinic should be open on a regular basis with an office and staff that you can visit weekly if needed. Make sure the hours the clinic are open will be convenient for you.

Staff: One of the most important considerations is the staff. Staff must be licensed and qualified to test and fit hearing aids. An Audiologist must have at least a university Masters degree in audiology and be licensed through the College of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists of Ontario (CASLPO). Hearing instrument specialists are certified through a college level program and can fit hearing aids, but may or may not be able to do the testing. Find a professional in whom you are comfortable and confident; someone approachable and listens to any concerns or requests you may have.

Selection: The clinic should carry a number of different types and makes of hearing aids. There is an extensive selection of hearing aids available to accommodate most budgets, lifestyles, personal tastes and needs. Don't feel overwhelmed by all these decisions. An experienced, well-trained professional can help you make these important decisions in your best interest.