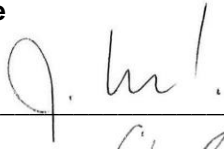



Leamington Mennonite Home
Long Term Care

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

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| CATEGORY: Resident Care | SUBJECT: Hearing Aid Care | SECTION: H |
| DATE: September 2004 | Administrator:  | POLICY: 2 |
| REVISION DATES: June 2015, January 2017, September 2022 | Director of Care:  | |

HEARING AID CARE

POLICY:

To check and maintain resident hearing aids daily and to ensure the aid is working well.

PROCEDURE:

At the beginning of each day, Registered Staff shall:

- Before putting the aid in, check for any cracks or breaks.
- Put the battery in the battery case.
- Turn the hearing aid on and set at 'M' for microphone.
- Put the hearing aid in the appropriate ear.
- Move the volume control to a comfortable listening level (usually ½ way). Note: some aids are pre-programmed and cannot be volume adjusted.
- If the battery does not work and is changed, document the date changed in the TARS.

Tips to help communication with a Hard of Hearing Resident:

- Get the person's attention before you speak.
- Face the person.
- Do not cover your mouth or have objects like gum, food, etc. in your mouth.
- Speak clearly and at a moderate pace.
- Give clues when changing the subject.
- Rephrase when you are not understood. Do not repeat.
- Avoid noisy background situations and reduce background noise when possible, i.e., turn the TV down, turn the radio off, etc.
- Encourage the person to wear the hearing aid.
- Do not shout. The person is wearing a hearing aid.

At the end of each day at HS care, PSW's shall:

- Take the hearing aid out of the ear.
- Turn the hearing aid off, to "O".
- Wipe the ear mold with a soft cloth or tissue and return it to the Registered Staff.
- Report any problems to the Registered Staff.

At the end of each day at HS care, Registered Staff shall:

- Remove any excess wax from the aid using the appropriate tool from the hearing aid kit.
- Remove the battery.

- Put it in a safe, dry place. Normally in the resident's labelled case, in top of the medication cart, ready for insertion in the am.
- Only upon agreement with the POA and it is care planned it may be placed in the top drawer of their night table.

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Batteries

| Check Off Required: | Battery Size | # of Batteries Needed: |
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Please note: Each package contains six batteries, and each box contains 10 packages of batteries. One box of batteries lasts roughly 6 months for full-time use of two hearing aids.