

Connect your Patients to FM, IR, and Hearing Loops: Resources For Audiologists

Introduction

Give your patients the best possible hearing advantage by helping them easily connect to assistive listening systems in public venues. Here are all the resources you need.



		<p>Telecoils and Bluetooth handout. PATIENTS NEED BOTH TODAY. Many patients miss out because their audiologist didn't educate them about using telecoils. "Help Patients Hear in More Places With Telecoils AND Bluetooth." (2 p) https://tinyurl.com/Help-Patients-Hear</p>
		<p>Research (2023). The use of telecoils and hearing loop systems improved SNR 5 to 30 dB. "A Sound Investment: Hearing loops and induction coils in Genesis AI yield dramatic improvements in public spaces." (10 p) https://tinyurl.com/Hearing-Loop-Research</p>
		<p>Course. Learn how to verify and validate the telecoil settings in the hearing instruments you fit. "Telecoils and Hearing Loops: Important to Client Satisfaction." (AudiologyOnline, 1-hour CEU class) https://tinyurl.com/Telecoil-Course</p>
		<p>Verifit handout. Use your AudioScan Verifit Real-Ear measurement equipment to verify telecoils and program telecoil settings. (3 p) https://tinyurl.com/Verifit2</p>
		<p>Hearing Loop List. Request a customized list of hearing loops by sending an email with your requested state, province, or type of venue to: loop.locations@hearingloss.org</p>
		<p>GITHL Toolkit. This toolkit has resources to guide you every step of the way. Learn how a hearing loop works, about ADA-mandated communication access, or download a poster for your loop presentation. https://hearingloss.org/GITHLResources</p>

Hearing Loop Equipment for Hearing Health Care Professional Practices

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When a hearing health care professional practice has one or more hearing loops in its office, professionals can offer more services to their patients and give patients ADA accessibility in their communities.



How Can Hearing Loops Be Used

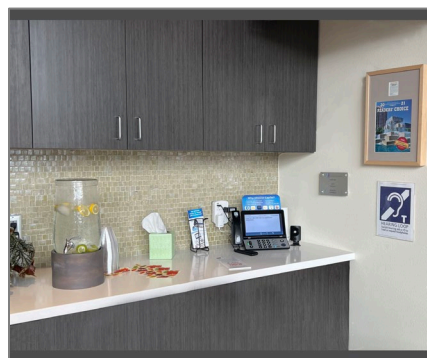
- **Validate** that their patient's telecoils are working properly.
- **Instruct** patients on how to use their telecoils for FM, IR, and hearing loops.
- **Create an experience** for patients to use a hearing loop before purchasing devices.
- **Provide info** for a patient to install a personal hearing loop in their living room.
- **Communication Access** when having a discussion with a patient.

Where Can Hearing Loops Be Used At A Practice

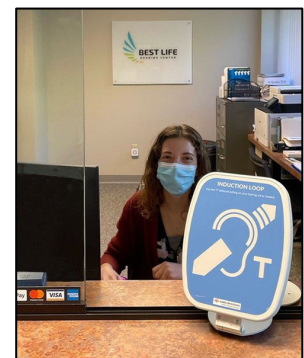
- **Waiting room TV.** Attach a hearing loop to the TV. Patients and their hearing partners can listen using their telecoils, headphones and a receiver, OTOjOY LoopBuds, or Williams Sound Pocketalker 2.0.
- **Service counter hearing loop.** Patients can understand the conversation more clearly. The hearing loop can be permanently installed, or a portable unit can be used.
- **Patient room.** Use a portable unit to move between rooms. You can teach a patient how to use their telecoil during an appointment and then move it to the checkout area.
- **Community.** You can use your portable hearing loop in the community to demonstrate, train, and advocate in the community.



Elite Hearing of Colorado Springs
Colorado Springs, CO



Albuquerque Hearing and Balance
Albuquerque, NM



Best Life Hearing Center
Wallingford, CT

Equipment can be purchased from a variety of manufacturers, installers, and retailers.