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Characteristics of Amplification Tool (COAT)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Our goal is to maximize your ability to hear so that you can more easily communicate with others. In order to reach this goal, it is important that we understand your communication needs, your personal preferences, and your expectations. With this information, we can use our expertise to make a recommendation of hearings aids or other solutions that are most appropriate for your individual needs.

1. Please list the top three situations where you would most like to hear better. Be as specific as possible.

   _____

   _____

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2. How important is it for you to hear better?

   Not Very Important 1 2 3 4 5 *Very Important*

3. How motivated are you to wear and use hearing aids?

   Not Very Motivated 1 2 3 4 5 *Very Motivated*

4. How well do you think hearing aids will improve your hearing?

   Not be helpful at all 1 2 3 4 5 *Greatly improve my hearing*

5. What is your most important consideration regarding hearing aids? Rank order the following factors with **1** as the most important and **4** as the least important. Place an **X** on the line if the item has no importance to you at all.

   ___ Hearing aid size and the ability of others not to see the hearing aids
   ___ Improved ability to hear and understand speech
   ___ Improved ability to understand speech in noisy situations (e.g., restaurants, parties)
   ___ Cost of the hearing aids

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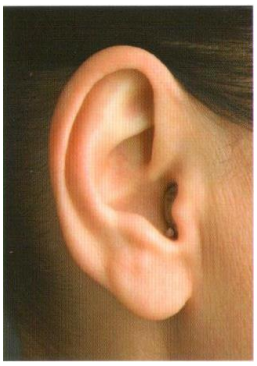
6. Do you prefer hearing aids that: (check one)
   ___ are totally automatic so that you do not have to make any adjustments to them.
   ___ allow you to adjust the volume and change the listening programs as you see fit.
   ___ no preference

7. Please place an X on the pictures of the hearing aid(s) that you **WOULD** wear.



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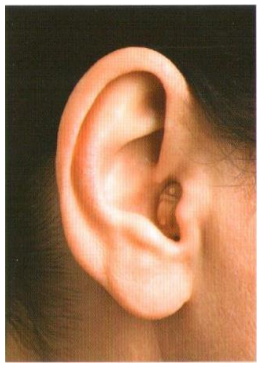

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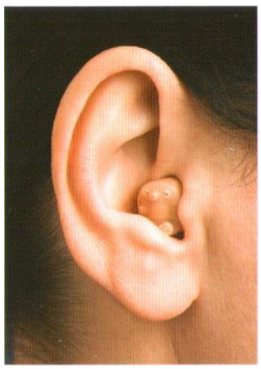

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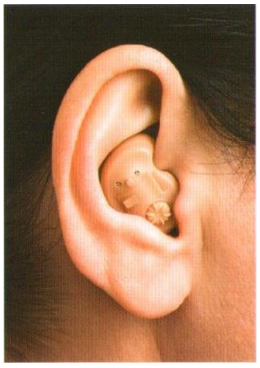

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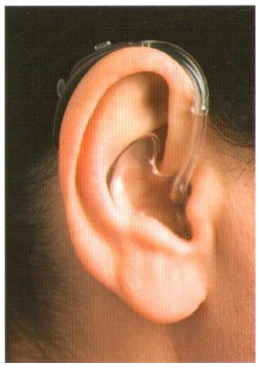

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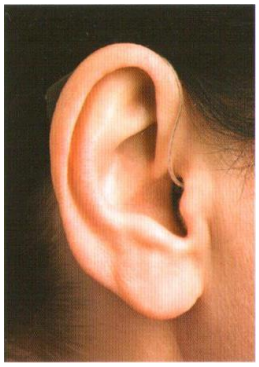

☐ RIC/RITE

8. How confident do you feel that you will be successful in using hearing aids.

   Not Very Confident 1 2 3 4 5 *Very Confident*

9. Please check the category that represents the maximum amount you are willing to spend.*

   ___ Basic digital hearing aids: $2000-$3000 per pair
   ___ Moderate digital hearing aids: $3000-$4500 per pair
   ___ Premium digital hearing aids: $4500-$5500 per pair

Hearing aid prices vary depending on level of technology and size, amongst other factors. The price ranges listed are for **two hearing aids including professional services. It is very helpful for us to know your budget so that we can provide you with the most appropriate hearing aids.*

Thank you for answering the questions.
Your responses will assist us in providing you with the best hearing healthcare.

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