

Analog to Digital - What a Difference!

Andrew, a computer systems analyst, has worn analog hearing aids for approximately two and one-half years. He learned of his need for hearing instruments when a bad ear infection sent him to his family physician. He's been wearing Gaia Hearing Aids for several months.



*An interview with Andrew Mirolsky
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When I had a bad ear infection, a hearing test showed that I needed hearing aids to hear high pitched sounds. I began wearing analog instruments. I decided to try Gaia because my audiologist told me that they would work better for me than my analog instruments. She explained that I would be able to hear high pitch sounds and long distance sounds more clearly, experience a more comfortable fit and just an overall superior sound quality.

My audiologist is terrific. She worked with me to be sure I was fitted properly and instructed me on how to work with my new instruments. With my Gaia instruments, I can hear people speaking more easily and I can hear and listen more comfortably. The background noise doesn't overwhelm me.

AT HOME ...How does my family feel about my new hearing aids? Well, I don't ask them to repeat themselves as much. My wife has a tendency to talk to me as she is walking out of the room. Even though I still can't hear her when she's two rooms away and still talking, with my Gaia instruments I can actually hear her a little better when she starts to walk way!

AT WORK ...I am a computer systems consultant and I attend many meetings where there may be several conversations going on at one time. Now I am able to pick up those conversations more clearly. I've noticed I am also better able to hear women's voices with my new hearing aids.

When I'm driving in my car, I can hear much better than I could with my analog instruments. There was lots of background noise and distraction with the old hearing aids. I am also more comfortable listening to people in a car environment. Road noise doesn't bother me any more.

AT PLAY...I enjoy playing golf and now I will be able to enjoy the conversation as I'm playing. It will definitely be easier to hear what everyone is saying, especially on a windy day. If only they could improve my game!

I leave my Gaia's in all day, from

first thing in the morning, and I take them off at night when I go to bed. They're very comfortable. I don't even notice them.

I have a very inquisitive granddaughter and she has noticed my new hearing aids. But other people don't notice them. When I show them to people, they are amazed at how small my Gaia hearing aids are. People really can't see them when I'm wearing them. That is, unless they're like my granddaughter -- snooping around in her granddad's ears!

Some people are embarrassed that they wear hearing aids, but I'm not. My hearing aids make a world of difference in what I hear and how I can appreciate the world around me.



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