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Hearing Health & Wellness Conference

Central Conference themes:

- *Hearing loss is the third most common disability.*
- *There is a need for transparency regarding hearing aid costs.*
- *Delay in seeking hearing help can lead to frustration & isolation.*
- *Rehabilitative model: coping strategies, self-advocacy & assistive devices.*
- *Emphasis on social responsibility, peer support & shared experiences.*
- *Choosing an audiologist that meets all of your healthcare needs.*
- *What is **YOUR NEXT STEP** in your hearing health care?*
- *Emphasis on having access to various hearing aid brands.*
- *Are doctors qualified to remove ear wax (cerumen)? - **YES***
- *Future public policy aimed at hearing accessibility.*
- *Ototoxic medication can damage the ear —800 ototoxic drugs (aspirin).*

Speaker #1:

Dr. Lorienne M. Jenstad,
PhD, AUD (C), RHIP,
Associate Professor,
Audiology, UBC.

“What consumers want to know about hearing health care”

“Lessons from Health psychology: health behavior and hearing care”

Speaker #2:

Diane O'Connor, Registrar, CEO, CSHPBC

“Services provided by the College of Speech and Hearing Professionals of BC to the hard of hearing in BC”





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AGM News

- At present CHHA-BC has 280 members.
- 63 Hospital Kits were distributed to Vancouver Island, Ontario, Burnaby, Surrey, Maple Ridge, New Westminster, Abbotsford, Penticton, Kamloops & Vancouver.
- Attended the University of the Fraser Valley Disabilities Transition Fair with a display of our resources.
- Put forth the Public Forum on Hearing Aid Costs & Services.
- We offer books & assistive listening devices on loan to members.
- The CHHA-BC website had 15, 122 visitors (~1260 visitors/month) and 101,083 hits (~8424 hits/month).
- Managing Hearing Loss Level 1 courses were held in Nanaimo at the Island Deaf and Hearing Office & in Comox Valley.
- WALK₂HEAR VANCOUVER will hold its 5th walkathon on Sunday, September 27, 2015 at Jericho Beach Park.
- Find us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Canadian-Hard-of-Hearing-Association-BC-Chapter/127952830548757>
- Find us on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/CHHABC>
- PayPal has been introduced to increase efficiency and donations can now be made through the website: chha-bc.org

Additional Resources:

- ⇒ "When I Say I Want Telecoils" by Gael Hannan. READ MORE: <http://hearinghealthmatters.org/betterhearingconsumer/2015/when-i-say-i-want-telecoils/>
- ⇒ "Student Makes Discovery When It Comes To Extending Hearing Aid Battery Life" by DeeDee Stiepan. READ MORE: <http://kimt.com/2015/05/05/student-makes-discovery-when-it-comes-to-extending-hearing-aid-battery-life/>
- ⇒ "Ivey the Weimaraner Helps Owner With Hearing Loss" by Joanne Stassen, CBC News. READ MORE: <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/north/ivey-the-weimaraner-helps-owner-with-hearing-loss-1.3138260>

Thank you for your continued support!



Incoming Office Administrator
Viviana Chiorean

Welcome to:

Jerry Gosling as
Vice President
Viviana Chiorean as
Office Administrator

Heartfelt thanks to:

Sharon Perry
Rodney George
Nora McKellin



Sharon Perry receives a retirement
gift at the AGM