

VA Survey Questions

1. **Do you currently dispense hearing aids?**
 - A. Yes
 - B. No
2. **Are you an audiologist?**
 - A. Yes
 - B. No
3. **In what Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) are you located?** _____
4. **In general, how many (what percentage) of your patients come to their clinical appointments with a significant other? Please mark the best answer.**
 - A. None (0%)
 - B. More than none (0%) but less than a quarter (25%)
 - C. More than a quarter (25%) but less than half (50%)
 - D. About half (50%)
 - E. More than half (50%) but less than three quarters (75%)
 - F. More than three quarters (75%) but less than all (100%)
 - G. All (100%)
 - H. I don't know
 - I. Prefer not to answer
5. **If a patient is accompanied by a significant other, what is their typical level of involvement? Please mark the best answer.**
 - A. Just drop the patient off
 - B. Wait in the waiting room/lobby
 - C. Come into the clinical test room with the patient for the entire appointment
 - D. Join the patient in the clinical test room only for the counseling portion of the visit
 - E. None of my patients come with a significant other
 - F. Prefer not to answer
 - G. Other: _____
6. **What counseling, beyond the use and care of the hearing aids, do you usually provide to your patients? You may choose more than one answer.**
 - A. Nothing
 - B. Realistic expectations
 - C. Use of other assistive listening technology
 - D. Communication strategies
 - E. Psychosocial consequences of hearing loss
 - F. Prefer not to answer
 - G. Other: _____
7. **How much time do you typically spend on counseling (to include those items in question #6) prior to the hearing-aid fitting appointment? Please mark the best answer.**
 - A. None
 - B. Up to 10 minutes
 - C. Between 11 and 20 minutes
 - D. Between 21 and 30 minutes
 - E. Between 31 and 40 minutes
 - F. More than 40 minutes
 - G. Prefer not to answer
8. **How much time do you typically spend on counseling (to include those items in question #6) at the hearing-aid fitting appointment? Please mark the best answer.**
 - A. None
 - B. Up to 10 minutes
 - C. Between 11 and 20 minutes
 - D. Between 21 and 30 minutes
 - E. Between 31 and 40 minutes
 - F. More than 40 minutes
 - G. Prefer not to answer
9. **How often do you assess the motivation of your patients towards using hearing aids? Please mark the best answer.**
 - A. Always
 - B. Very frequently
 - C. Occasionally
 - D. Rarely
 - E. Very rarely
 - F. Never
 - G. Prefer not to answer
10. **Before hearing aids are fit, how often do you assess your patient's confidence regarding using hearing aids? Please mark the best answer.**
 - A. Always
 - B. Very frequently
 - C. Occasionally
 - D. Rarely
 - E. Very rarely
 - F. Never
 - G. Prefer not to answer
11. **If you were to use a newly-developed pre hearing-aid fitting questionnaire, what is the maximum number of questions it should include? Please mark the best answer.**
 - A. None. I wouldn't use one.
 - B. Between 0 and 5
 - C. Between 6 and 10
 - D. Between 11 and 15
 - E. Between 16 and 20
 - F. Doesn't matter if it helps improve patient outcomes
 - G. Prefer not to answer
 - H. Other (please specify): _____
12. **If a new counseling methodology were developed that could improve your patient's outcomes with hearing aids and potentially reduce the need for follow-up appointments, how much additional clinical time, with a given patient, would you be willing to dedicate to using it? Please mark the best answer.**
 - A. None
 - B. Up to 10 minutes
 - C. Between 11 and 20 minutes
 - D. Between 21 and 30 minutes
 - E. Between 31 and 40 minutes
 - F. More than 40 minutes
 - G. Doesn't matter if it improves patient outcomes
 - H. Prefer not to answer