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**HAT DVD Debuts at AudiologyNOW! 2009.
Limited Number Still Available at Online Store**

(Reston, VA – May 6, 2009)—A DVD set, *Hearing Assistance Technologies (HAT) Clinical Practice Guidelines for Children and Youth from Birth to 21 Years*, made its debut in Dallas at AudiologyNOW!® 2009, the yearly convention of the American Academy of Audiology.

In 2008, the Academy developed and published the *Clinical Practice Guidelines for Remote Microphone Hearing Assistance Technologies for Children and Youth from Birth to 21 Years*. To read this document, go to www.audiology.org/resources/documentlibrary and click on “Hearing Assistance Technologies.” As a follow-up, the Academy partnered with Boys Town National Research Hospital to develop a training DVD that demonstrates the fitting and verification procedures listed in the document.

The DVD was underwritten by the American Academy of Audiology Foundation (AAAF) with support from Audioscan, Oticon, and Phonak. During AudiologyNOW! 2009, the DVD was played at the AAAF booth in Academy Central and was also given away free to those in attendance who stopped by the AAAF booth.

The package includes:

- A DVD divided into three chapters (“Ear-Level FM and Hearing Aids,” “Ear-Level FM and Cochlear Implants,” and “Ear-Level FM Only”) covering verification procedures
- An open-captioned DVD of the three verification chapters, and
- A CD containing a PDF file of *Clinical Practice Guidelines for Remote Microphone Hearing Assistance Technologies for Children and Youth from Birth to 21 Years*, as well as *Supplement A: Fitting and Verification Procedures for Ear-Level FM*.

Only a limited number of DVDs were created. They are available for members at the Academy Store Web site (www.audiology.org/Pages/store.aspx).

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