

## Hearing Aid Selection Questionnaire

Client name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

There are many decisions to make when you are choosing a hearing instrument. To help us to choose the right hearing aid for you, we need to ask you some questions to better understand what you need. Please fill out **both sides** this questionnaire and return it to Heritage Hearing Care at your selection appointment.

### Which of the following activities do you like to participate in?

Put a letter “O” beside the activities that you do “often” (daily or weekly).

Put an “S” beside the activities that you do “sometimes” (once per month/year).

Put an “N” beside the activities that you “never” do.

Circle the activity that you do, if there is a choice.

- watch TV/videos       play cards       go to movies       go to plays
- hunt / take nature walks       water activities       walk/bicycle       golf / bowl /curl
- visit in small groups       listen to small children       attend clubs, socials, or dances
- eat at restaurants       attend family dinners       chat with friends at the mall
- attend worship services       sing in a choir       play a musical instrument
- talk on the telephone       attend committee meetings       work in an office
- use a cell /smart phone       listen to people in a large room       attend conferences
- drive by yourself       talk with others in the car       travel (by air, train, bus)
- listen via bluetooth       speak a tonal language (eg. Cantonese) \_\_\_\_\_
- other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

### Describe 3 situations where you would like to be able to hear better:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

## One Ear or Two?

Being able to hear with both ears is important to being able to understand speech in background noise and to being able to figure out where sounds are coming from.. Would you be willing to wear a hearing aid in each ear?      \_\_\_ Yes                      \_\_\_ No

**Size:** Which statement best applies to you?

- I don't want anyone to see my hearing aids.
- I'm not really fussy, but I don't want a big, ugly hearing aid.
- I don't care about the size. I'll wear whatever it takes.

**Options:** (check the statements that apply to you)

- I need to be "hands free" with my cell phone and/or would like to be able to hear better on my cell phone or tablet when I use my hearing aids.
- Even with my hearing aids on, I have problems watching TV at a level that pleases my family.
- I have a hard time listening in large rooms, in groups of people, or in noisy places. What special devices do you have that would help me?

## Budget:

Hearing aids come in a variety of price ranges. The price will vary depending on the size of the aid and the technology in it. Top of the line hearing aids range in price from \$2500-\$3600 per hearing aid, but less expensive options are available. You will consult with your audiologist to choose the hearing aid that will best suit your needs and your budget.

In making your decision, you may want to consider that the Assistive Devices Program in Ontario may assist you by paying up to \$500 per ear as early as every 3 years. You may have private insurance which will help to defray the cost as well. **Check the box beside the price range that best suits your budget:**

- Essential:** \$1100-\$1700 per hearing aid
- Premium:** \$1700- \$2500 per hearing aid
- Top of the line:** \$2500-\$3600 per hearing aid

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Thank you for answering these questions. Based on your responses, there may be a few other options that the audiologist might like to discuss with you during your hearing aid selection appointment. With your input, we will be able to choose the hearing aid that is right for you.