

#### **AAYM NEWSLETTER**

Curious About Hearing Aids? Discover How They Work!

#### WHAT ARE HEARING AIDS?

Hearing aids are small electronic devices that assist individuals with mild to profound hearing loss. These medical devices, regulated by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), come in various styles and sizes and are suitable for people of all ages. They are typically fitted and sold by statelicensed hearing care professionals, such as audiologists, with specialized training in these devices.



### **How Do Hearing Aids Work?**

A hearing aid generally comprises three main components: a microphone, an amplifier, and a speaker. Here's how they work together:

*Microphone:* Picks up environmental sound waves and converts them into electrical signals.

**Amplifier:** Enhances these electrical signals.

**Speaker:** Converts the amplified signals back into sound waves, making them louder and clearer for the user.

This amplification process helps improve hearing and comprehension of speech for the wearer.

## How To Meditate When You're An Overthinker

If you're someone whose mind is constantly racing, meditation might seem like an impossible task. You sit down, try to focus, and suddenly, you're thinking about everything from your to-do list to what's for dinner. But don't worry— meditation is still within your reach! With a few strategies, you can learn to calm your mind and enjoy the benefits of meditation, even if you're an overthinker.





#### Create a Consistent Schedule

Just like any other habit, meditation becomes easier with regular practice. Try to set aside a specific time each day for your meditation session. It doesn't have to be at the same time every day, but having a routine can help signal your brain that it's time to relax. Whether in the morning, during lunch, or before bed, pick a time that works for you and stick to it. Consistency is key to seeing the mental health benefits of meditation.

#### Create a Meditative Space

Your environment plays a big role in your ability to meditate. It's hard to focus when you're surrounded by distractions. Find a quiet spot in your home where you can meditate without interruptions. It doesn't have to be a whole room—it could be a corner of a room, a comfortable chair, or even a spot where you light a candle. Over time, you'll associate this space with relaxation and peace, making dropping into a meditative state easier.

#### **Meditate with Others**

Meditation doesn't have to be a solo activity. Joining a meditation group or practicing with a friend can provide accountability and enhance your experience. There's something powerful about meditating with others—it can help you stay focused and feel part of a community. If you can't meet in person, consider virtual meditation sessions. The collective energy can help pull you out of your thoughts and into a more focused state.

# Top 10 Foods for Better Hearing

#### Dairy Delights: Milk and More

**Why:** Full of vitamins and minerals. Benefits: Keeps ear fluids balanced and boosts overall ear health

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Benefits: Improves blood flow, helping your ears hear better

### Whole Grains: Nutrient-Packed Staples

Why: Rich in magnesium.

Benefits: Protects inner ear nerves and shields against loud noises.





#### Dark Chocolate: A Sweet Symphony

**Why:** High in zinc.

Benefits: Boosts immunity and ear cell growth.

#### **Bananas: Potassium Powerhouse**

Why: Full of potassium and magnesium.

Benefits: Enhances blood flow and oxygen to the inner

#### Cantaloupes: Melon Magic

Why: Packed with potassium.

Benefits: Keeps cochlea fluids in check for better

hearing.

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#### Fish Feast: Omega-3 & Vitamin D

Why: Loaded with Omega-3 and Vitamin D.

Benefits: Strengthens inner ear bones and improves

brain-ear coordination.