

PCAST Report

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Hearing Healthcare for Adults

I just returned from the 2016 Hearing Loss Association of America's National Convention. The PCAST report and the Hearing HealthCare for Adults were very prominent in most discussions. In fact, in addition to healthy aging, I would say they represented the theme of the convention. Personally, I do not agree with some of the recommendations. At the same time, I heard some very strong arguments for them. We would like to feature these reports on our website, www.hearinglosskyhome.org and discuss them in our Blog and our "Points of View" under the "Get Involved" banner.

What we are hoping for is to accomplish an ongoing discussion of the reports. They do present many issues pro and con. We would like to ferret out both. We would like to present on www.hearinglosskyhome.org a resource of information that may not be present anywhere else **because they are not present anywhere else**. Factual articles will be presented under our "Guidance and Lay Person's Guide" sections.

We have sent out e-mails to a number of audiologists, instrument specialists, doctors and others concerned about hearing loss requesting their comments and research. **We are interested in your comments and impressions as well as your audiologist's/instrument specialist's.** So watch the "Points of View", "Guidance and LayPerson's Guide" over the next few months. **Share your thoughts!**

Jill E. Preminger, Ph.D., Professor & Director, Program in Audiology Chief, Division of Communicative Disorders, University of Louisville begins the preliminary discussion in the "Points of View" under the "Get Involved Banner".

It is important that one becomes somewhat familiar with the reports.

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http://hearingloss.org/sites/default/files/docs/PCAST_Hearing_Tech_LetterReport_FINAL.pdf

Hearing Health Care for Adults

<http://nationalacademies.org/hmd/reports/2016/Hearing-Health-Care-for-Adults.aspx>