

Here is what's new in our December 2017 Edition:

Guidance Articles: (1) *Answers To Some Common Hearing Loss Questions:* This month we have added a section providing easy-to-read answers to some common questions relating to hearing loss.

(2) *Too Much Noise: Bad For Your Ears And For Your Heart!:* We've long known that too much noise — too loud and for too long — damages our ears and our ability to hear. But did you know that it also may pose a risk to your heart?

Current Research: (1) *Therapies For Hearing Loss: What Is Being Tested?:* Untreated hearing loss is linked to a lower quality of life, physical functionality, and communicative ability. The most common type of hearing loss, sensorineural, is often a result of damage to the delicate sensory hair cells in the inner ear. Because hair cell loss is irreversible, and hearing impairment therefore permanent, new treatment strategies are a welcome sign. This article describes the field of emerging therapies for sensorineural hearing loss.

(2) *Gaining Better Understanding Of Neural Networks:* This article gives an account of recent research carried out into the understanding of the workings of neural networks.

(3) *Measuring The Impact Of Hearing Loss On Quality Of Life:* This article emphasizes how putting off the buying of hearing aids and ignoring hearing loss can seriously affect our quality of life.

Layperson's Guide: *VA And Hearing Aids:* Many veterans are affected by hearing loss. If you have served in the military, you may qualify for hearing healthcare benefits from the VA.

Points of View: *Glasses Are Cool. Why Aren't Hearing Aids?:* This article might actually change your life. More important, it might change the lives of the people you love.

My Story: I Will Never Know What It's Like To Not Feel Dizzy: My Meniere's

Journey : Lauren Edmiston tells her inspiring story about how she has managed to cope with Meniere's disease.