Characteristics of Amplification Tool (COAT)

Name: _____   Date: _____

E-mail: _____   Audiologist: _____

Our goal is to maximize your ability to hear so that you can more easily communicate with others. In order to reach this goal, it is important that we understand your communication needs, your personal preferences, and your expectations. By having a better understanding of your needs, we can use our expertise to recommend the hearing aids that are most appropriate for **you**. By working together **we** will find the best solution for you.

Please complete the following questions. Be as honest as possible. Be as precise as possible. Thank you.

1. Please list the top three situations where you would most like to hear better. Be as specific as possible.

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2. How important is it for you to hear better? Mark an X on the line.

    Not Very Important   --   *Very Important*

3. How motivated are you to wear and use hearing aids? Mark an X on the line.

    Not Very Motivated   --   *Very Motivated*

4. How well do you think hearing aids will improve your hearing? Mark an X on the line.

    I expect them to:

    Not be helpful   --   *Greatly improve my*
    at all   *hearing*

5. What is your most important consideration regarding hearing aids? Rank order the following factors with **1** as the most important and **4** as the least important. Place an **X** on the line if the item has no importance to you at all.

    ___   Hearing aid size and the ability of others not to see the hearing aids

    ___   Improved ability to hear and understand speech

    ___   Improved ability to understand speech in noisy situations (e.g., restaurants, parties)

    ___   Cost of the hearing aids

6. Do you prefer hearing aids that: (check one)

   ___ are totally automatic so that you do not have to make any adjustments to them.
   ___ allow you to adjust the volume and change the listening programs as you see fit.
   ___ no preference

7. Look at the pictures of the hearing aids. Please place an X on the picture or pictures of the style you would **NOT** be willing to use. Your audiologist will discuss with you if your choices are appropriate for you – given your hearing loss and physical shape of your ear.

8. How confident do you feel that you will be successful in using hearing aids.

Not Very Confident -- *Very Confident*

9. There is a wide range in hearing aid prices. The cost of hearing aids depends on a variety of factors including the sophistication of the circuitry (for example, higher level technology is more expensive than the more basic hearing aids) and size/style (for example, the CIC hearing aids are more expensive than the BTE instruments). The price ranges listed below are for *two* hearing aids. Please check the cost category that represents the maximum amount you are willing to spend. Please understand that you are not locked into that price range. It is just very helpful for us to know your budget so that we can provide you with the most appropriate hearing aids.

   ___ Basic digital hearing aids: Cost is between $2900 to $3500
   ___ Basic Plus hearing aids: Cost is between $3500 to $3900
   ___ Mid-level digital hearing aids: Cost is between $3900 to $5500
   ___ Premium digital hearing aids: Cost is between $5500 to $7500

Thank you for answering the questions.
Your responses will assist us in providing you with the best hearing healthcare.