



AUDIOLOGICAL CONSULTANTS of ATLANTA

“Since 1983”

You Could Be Hearing From Us!



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Audiological Consultants is a private practice established in 1983 by Helena Solodar, Au.D. and Kadyn Williams, Au.D. as a professional clinic to provide services for the diagnosis and treatment of hearing and balance disorders for newborns through geriatrics. Dr. Solodar and Dr. Williams, owners and directors, have been in practice since 1975, and are continually expanding staff and services. All audiologists are licensed by the state of Georgia.

Helena Solodar was born and raised in Columbia, South Carolina. She earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Georgia in 1973, her Master of Science Degrees in Audiology and Speech Pathology from the University of South Carolina in 1975 and her Doctor of Audiology degree from the University of Florida in 2000. She began her professional career in 1975 in Columbia, South Carolina, where she founded Professional Hearing Associates. Dr. Solodar sold her practice and moved to Atlanta, Georgia in 1981.

Kadyn Williams was born and raised in Atlanta, Georgia. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Speech Pathology from the University of Georgia in 1975, her Master of Education degree from the University of Georgia in 1976 and her Doctor of Audiology degree from the University of Florida in 2000. She began her professional career with Georgia Head & Neck Surgery and Cobb ENT in 1977 and continued there for the next 7 years.

Drs. Solodar and Williams began their business partnership with the incorporation of Occupational Noise Consultants, the first female-owned hearing conservation practice in Georgia in 1981. In 1983, they sold ONC, Inc., to a national concern and in February 1983 founded Audiological Consultants of Atlanta (ACA), the first private Audiology and Speech Pathology practice in Georgia.

Both Dr. Solodar and Dr. Williams are licensed audiologists in the state of Georgia. Both are highly accomplished and respected public speakers and educators. They have co-authored publications and book chapters on hearing healthcare issues.

(Complete bios on our entire audiological staff can be found on the “about Our Staff” tab on the ACA website.)

Effective communication skills are imperative for living in today’s interactive world. Early detection and intervention of communication disorders is crucial for enabling the hard of hearing to lead more productive lives.

Audiological Consultants is unique in its organizational scope of practice by choosing to provide all aspects of audiological care, combining comprehensive diagnostic services with our treatment services.

We believe that by offering all hearing aid and hearing assistive technology devices, our patients and their families can make informed decisions about their hearing health care. ACA is committed and dedicated to these principles.

WE WILL PROMOTE AND PROVIDE THE HIGHEST
QUALITY AUDIOLOGICAL AND HEARING AID SERVICES AND
PRODUCTS IN THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE.

COMMITTED TO HEARING, HEALTH, AND OVERALL
WELLNESS OF OUR COMMUNITY...

DEDICATED TO EXCELLENCE IN SERVING THE
HEARING NEEDS OF OUR PATIENTS, THE PROFESSIONAL

COMMITTED TO UNCOMPROMISED QUALITY
AND VALUE THROUGH OUR TEAMWORK, COMPASSION,
INNOVATIVE SERVICES AND PERSONAL GUIDANCE...

DEDICATED TO PROVIDING A DIVERSE ARRAY OF
PUBLIC EDUCATION...

WE PLEDGE TO EACH OF YOU OUR MISSION OF EXEMPLIFYING
OUR LEADERSHIP ROLE THROUGH COMMITMENT, DEDICATION,

HEARING LOSS

Hearing loss is a hidden disability—it shows no external signs of its presence. Consequently, others are less likely to recognize the problem and respond with patience and understanding. Hearing loss in adults often causes difficulties in one's ability to perform well on the job, to follow conversations and to interact easily with others. The psychological consequences and emotional trauma caused by hearing loss, such as depression, anxiety, anger, paranoia and social withdrawal, can be avoided with early identification and treatment. When a child has a hearing problem, speech and language skills may be slow to develop. Speech may be unintelligible, academic problems could arise, or a combination of these, requiring a team approach for treatment. Early identification and prompt treatment can often alleviate the problems associated with hearing loss in young children. New technologies allow us to identify hearing loss early in children with a high degree of sensitivity and specificity.

Hearing care is important for every individual. Some warning signs of hearing loss include difficulty understanding in the presence of background noise, asking people to repeat things, turning up the volume of the television at a level that is too loud for others in the room, and difficulty determining or localizing the source of a sound. Hearing loss typically interferes with the perception and comprehension of speech, especially during challenging listening conditions. Sounds may seem distorted and conversations may become muffled or hard to understand, particularly in taxing social settings that have loud background conversations or noise. The hard of hearing may fail to answer doorbells or telephones and may frequently ask friends or relatives to speak louder or to repeat words. Newborns with severe hearing loss do not startle at loud sounds.

Hearing loss may occur in isolation or be associated with different types of health problems, but the result is one of two basic types of hearing loss; sensorineural or conductive.

The causes of hearing loss are varied and their impact on hearing is variable. Sometimes the cause or etiology is readily apparent, such as a wax build-up in the external ear canal or an ear infection. The main causes of hearing loss are excessive noise, aging, infections, injury to the head or ear, birth defects or genetics, ototoxic reaction to certain drugs or cancer treatment and viral or vascular incidents.

External Ear

- Congenital malformation where pinna and ear canal fail to form.
- Blockage in ear canal-foreign body or accumulated cerumen (ear wax).

Middle Ear

- Perforation in tympanic membrane (ear drum) from trauma or disease.
- Otitis media (ear infection).
- Broken ossicular chain due to head trauma or trauma to the ear.

Sensory

- Neonatal risk indicators.
- Genetic disorders callusing non-syndromic sensorineural hearing loss.
- Presbycusis-hearing loss from aging.
- Ototoxic drugs such as some antibiotics.
- Cancer treatments-chemotherapy and/or radiation therapy.
- Head trauma-fractured temporal bone.
- Excessive noise exposure.
- Diseases of the vascular system such as sickle cell anemia.
- Kidney disease.
- Meniere's syndrome,
- Congenital infections such as toxoplasmosis, rubella, CMV, herpes, other bacterial infections like syphilis.
- Acquired infections such as influenza, meningitis, labyrinthitis, mumps, and syphilis.

Neural

- Acoustic neuroma or other tumor of or near the nerve of hearing and balance.

DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT

The first step in the treatment of hearing loss is a complete audiological evaluation by an audiologist. Based on the slope, degree and type of hearing loss, the results determine how the loss can be effectively treated. Hearing aids and hearing assistive technology devices are beneficial for people whose hearing loss is not medically reversible. Audiological Consultants offers the latest and most remarkable innovations in hearing aid design and advanced technologies.

TECHNOLOGY

Hearing aid technology has improved over the last several years. By keeping abreast of new technologies as they develop and emerge, ACA incorporates those that best serve our patients' needs. We are committed to informing and educating our patients about technological updates as they occur. Our full line of products highlights the newest in technology and includes daily wear 100% digital hearing aids, the Lyric 100% invisible extended wear hearing device by InSound Medical as well as a full line of hearing assistive technology devices (HATs).

HEARING SERVICES

By virtue of our training, audiologists perform specialized hearing evaluations to identify, assess and treat hearing loss. These findings are discussed with the patient and appropriate recommendations are made for prevention and treatment.

Diagnostic:

- Complete hearing evaluation.
- Site-of-lesion testing.
- Impedance testing for middle ear function.
- Tympanometry.
- Acoustic reflexes.
- Eustachian tube function.
- Neonatal hearing assessment.
- Otoacoustic emissions (OAE) testing.
- Auditory brainstem response (ABR) testing.

Treatment/Rehabilitative:

- Canalith repositioning procedure (CRP).
- Cerumen (ear wax) removal.
- Earmold impressions and modifications.
- Hearing aid evaluation, repair and service.
- Hearing aid sales, fitting and follow-up (with an adjustment period).
- Probe-microphone measurements of hearing aids for verification.
- Aural rehabilitation.
- Consultative services to schools, retirement communities and other agencies interested in improving services for the hard of hearing.

Products:

- Newest in hearing aid technology.
- Daily wear hearing aids, batteries and accessories.
- Extended wear hearing aids: the Lyric hearing device by InSound Medical.
- Hearing assistive technology devices:
 - Telephone systems.
 - Television systems.
 - Personal listening systems.
 - Alerting systems.
- Recreational / occupational devices.
- Custom musician in-ear monitors.
- Custom hearing / noise protectors:
 - Musicians, hunters, pilots, race car drivers, security and swimmers.

APPOINTMENTS

Our office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. We schedule appointments so each patient receives personal attention with minimum waiting time. Though we make a sincere attempt to follow the appointment schedule, some delays are inevitable. We appreciate your patience if you are kept waiting. If you cannot keep your appointment, please call to reschedule or cancel, so we may give this time to another patient.

PAYMENT

Our policy requires that payment be made at the time services are performed. We accept cash, checks, American Express, Visa, MasterCard and Discover and participate with Medicare on a non-participating status. Traditional insurance plans are reviewed on a case by case basis. Your bill will be reviewed and explained by our front office personnel.

“HEARING is BELIEVING”

<p><i>“In my opinion, ACA integrates high-level technology with knowledge and professionalism, creating a recipe for success in addressing all levels of hearing impairment. Their commitment to customer satisfaction is the best I’ve seen in any business. They are not satisfied until you’re satisfied!”</i> -Rod Knowles</p> <p><i>“I have received the best quality of service from ACA since 1988. ACA’s service is unquestionably unsurpassed. I am pleased to recommend ACA to all my friends and relatives.”</i> -Dennis L. Perrin</p>	<p><i>“As a parent, my primary goal is to give my son the best of everything...including the ability to hear. Your level of professionalism, quality of service and consistent effort to achieve perfection are exceptional! We have previously seen several audiologists but now feel so very blessed to have landed where we did...at our "home of audiology and friends" forever! Thank you again for always going above and beyond! You have forever changed our life.</i> -Tonia McConnell-</p>
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6 CONVENIENT LOCATIONS TO SERVE YOU!

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Marietta, GA 30062
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ROSWELL

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Roswell, GA 30076
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