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Summary

The innovative National Hearing Test at nationalhearingtest.org enables anyone to complete a basic hearing screening in under ten minutes using their home telephone. Participants who receive a score outside the normal range are encouraged to seek out a comprehensive hearing test with a local audiologist.

Press Release

Video

[Follow-Up Hearing Test in Long Island NY Recommended After National Hearing Test](#) from [prREACH](#) on [Vimeo](#).

Details

[\(prREACH\)](#) The NIH-funded, phone-based National Hearing Test has made it fast and simple for anybody to obtain an initial [Hearing Screening](#) to detect functional hearing loss unilaterally or bilaterally. While a significant development in generating awareness of hearing loss in the United States and conducting initial screenings, the phone-based test has certain limitations. It is not a substitute for the types of [Comprehensive Hearing Tests](#) conducted by audiologists. The audiologists at [East End Hearing – Long Island Hearing Test Professionals](#) agree that getting the word out about the National Hearing Test is important. Equally important is having local audiologists available in Long Island to perform comprehensive hearing exams and provide personalized advice for people who score outside the normal range on their screening.

Launched in May 2014, the National Hearing Test is presently free of charge as part of Better Speech and Hearing Month, but will normally cost \$8 per test. Because it is phone-based, the test is designed as a speech in noise test. It is best thought of as a screening for functional hearing – the ability to hear in

speech in noise test. It is best thought of as a screening for functional hearing – the ability to hear in everyday situations. Each ear is screened independently and gets its own score of Poor, Slightly Below Normal or Normal. After concluding the test, participants are encouraged to consult a local audiologist as a next step. The instructions that follow the National Hearing Test state, “If your results from the National Hearing Test were “marginal or below normal,” you should make an appointment for a complete hearing evaluation by a certified hearing professional. Even if your results are in the “normal” range but you still have concerns about your hearing, we encourage you to seek a complete hearing evaluation as well.”

East End Hearing is available for complete hearing testing for residents of Long Island and surrounding areas. They are pleased to answer the follow-up questions from anyone who took the National Hearing Test and to administer a more complete hearing assessment. East End Hearing expects that the publicity generated by the National Hearing Test will bring needed attention to the subject of hearing impairment in America. As participation in the screening test increases, the demand for local audiologists to give case-specific treatment plans and advice will also rise. The hearing care staff at East End Hearing is excited about positioning their practice as a core provider of hearing testing and [Hearing Loss Treatment in Long Island](#).

It is important to note that to obtain reliable results from the National Hearing Test, a wall-mounted (not cellular) phone is needed. Participants will also have to have the finger dexterity and coordination to key in over fifty numbers using the telephone’s number pad. Anyone who suspects hearing loss and might have trouble completing the phone-based screening is urged to schedule an assessment directly with a local audiologist.

About Dr. Lynn O’Bray-Donohue

Dr. Lynn O’Bray-Donohue is a New York State Licensed Audiologist and Hearing Aid Dispenser providing excellent hearing testing, hearing protection and fitting of hearing aids on Long Island since 1987. She is the co-owner of East End Hearing. Outside of the office, Dr. Lynn O’Bray-Donohue provides audiology services to the Cleary School for The Deaf, the Just Kids Early Learning Center and the Brookhaven National Lab. Dr. O’Bray-Donohue received her Masters degree in Audiology from the Adelphi University in Garden City NY and her Doctor of Audiology degree from A.T. Still University-Arizona School of Health Sciences. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Audiology and of The Academy of Doctoring Audiologists.

About East End Hearing:

East End Hearing was founded in 1991 to help Long Island residents get more from a local hearing care provider. East End Hearing continues the tradition of better hearing through education, technology, and customer service. Collectively, the staff at East End Hearing ensures that patients will receive unrivaled, professional, and personalized care tailored to each person’s unique needs. East End Hearing has two Long Island locations in Port Jefferson Station and Smithtown NY staffed by 3 Doctors of Audiology – Dr. Lynn O’Bray-Donohue, Dr. Michael Qualley and Dr. Diane Davis. East End Hearing is the only local private Audiology Clinic whose full-time practitioners are also the owners each with over 25 years of experience.

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