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Interventional Audiology includes identifying and treating hearing loss when hearing loss is not the primary concern of the patient or health care provider but is expected to negatively impact health outcomes. Interventional Audiology happens outside of the audiology clinic and within busy outpatient and inpatient settings.

We developed our Interventional Audiology program to address the problem of untreated hearing loss negatively impacting health care interactions in inpatient, outpatient, home health and senior living environments. Currently, we use three models to achieve the goal of identifying and treating hearing loss during health care interactions: 1) embedding an audiology clinic within another setting, 2) assistants providing hearing screening and non-custom amplifiers in interprofessional clinics, and 3) providing and supporting the use of non-custom amplifiers in diverse health care settings.

Our interventional audiology models are designed to be overseen by audiologists who specialize in hearing and communication and are largely implemented with extenders (audiology assistants) who are supervised by audiologists. There certainly is room for other models, but we feel strongly that the involvement of audiology supports appropriate screening protocols and recommendations, as well as identifying efficacious amplifiers for use in these situations.

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