Volunteers wanted for a research study

Do emotions and stress change while wearing hearing aids?

This research will evaluate whether wearing hearing aids can change people’s emotions and stress in their daily lives. This study involves 4 visits over 6 weeks. Each visit will last around 2 hours. During these visits, participants will answer questionnaires and we will measure their hearing abilities. We will also assess their emotions and physical stress using lab measures and skin sensors. For half of the study they will not wear hearing aids and for the other half they will wear current premium-level hearing aids. They will also respond to questions on an app and wear the sensors for at least 6 hours/day in their daily lives.

To participate you must: be 50 – 85 years old, be fluent in English, have hearing loss in both ears, and have no experience with hearing aids.

Participants will receive a free hearing screening, be able to experience wearing modern hearing aids for several weeks, and receive $300 compensation for participating in the study.

This research will be conducted under the direction of Dr. Jani Johnson, Director of the Hearing Aid Research Lab at the University of Memphis Community Health Building.

For more information about this research contact Jani Johnson at 901-678-5848.