



**Association of Medical Professionals
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9:30 AM Opening Remarks - Danielle N. Rastetter, D.V.M., Animal Medical Center, Springboro, OH, AMPHL President

10 AM Stethoscopes - Candice C. Barrere, D.V.M., Ottawa Equine Service, Blissfield, MI

The differences between amplified, electronic, and visual display stethoscopes will be discussed. Features of all of the stethoscopes listed on the AMPHL website will be compared to allow selection of the stethoscopes most appropriate for the degree of hearing loss and the type of devices (i.e. hearing aids, cochlear implants) that are used. Results of a stethoscope survey (conducted through the NOISE listserver) will also be presented

11 AM Reflections and Experiences of a Hearing Impaired Surgeon - Paul Hammerschlag, M.D., New York University School of Medicine

Hearing impaired professionals face considerable potential challenges in their practice due to their hearing loss. If this is not successfully addressed, the burden of this hearing loss may be greater and perceived as more problematic by others than it may truly be. Hearing loss has multiple issues for the professional including denial; inadequate understanding of the degree of hearing loss; its effects on oneself, patients, and colleagues. Insufficient knowledge of resources, assistive listening devices, and strategies to ameliorate problems associated with hearing loss may impair one's professional efficacy.

To allow themselves to succeed in their professional endeavors, hearing impaired professionals need to optimize their listening capabilities with a variety of evolving strategies and resources unique to their hearing loss and their listening environment. The speaker will share with the audience some of his personal experiences as a hearing impaired student and medical professional, including office and surgical practice, how one person handled these multiple issues at different times in his career. The ability to function as a productive member of the medical community as a physician, teacher, and a human being with personal satisfaction from his career based upon subjective reflection will be discussed. While hearing loss is a significant factor in one's "profile," it can be managed with individualized strategies to allow the hearing impaired professional to achieve his/her professional goals and accomplishments essential to his/her professional career and personal satisfaction.

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12 PM Update on Surgical Masks - Stacey Cordwell Carroll, M.S.N., R.N.C.S.,
Advanced Health Care

Clear surgical masks would certainly help hearing impaired health care professionals (as well as patients) follow what is being said. This session will provide a short update on the current status and future plans regarding this see-through surgical mask.

12:15 PM Lipreading Interpreting for Non-vocal Patients - Stacey Cordwell Carroll,
M.S.N., R.N.C.S., Advanced Health Care

This session will provide a short introduction to the field of lipreading interpreting for patients who cannot use their voices (such as those on ventilators). Hearing impaired health care professionals are in an ideal position to perform this service because of their expert lipreading skills. The presenter will provide information on how to initiate such a service.

12:30 PM Catered Lunch for pre-registered conference attendees sponsored by
Kate Salvatore, the Salvatore Family, Kimberly Dodge, Candice and
Bill Barrere, and Danielle N. Rastetter

Lunch will be "quiet time" in the ballroom to facilitate testing of stethoscopes and assistive listening devices. If you are not testing stethoscopes or assistive listening devices, please socialize outside of the ballroom. Please do not take the stethoscopes or assistive listening devices more than a few feet away from the display tables. If you wish to borrow the stethoscope or assistive listening devices for a short time period, please contact Candice for stethoscopes and Samuel for assistive listening devices to leave your driver's license with them. If you find that you are unable to hear well on the stethoscopes due to extraneous noise even though we will try to maintain an overall quiet atmosphere, you may make an appointment with Candice to evaluate the stethoscopes in a more private setting.

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- 2 PM Your License or Your Rights: Disclosure of Disability in the Medical Profession - Mary C. Vargas, J.D., Staff Attorney, National Association of the Deaf Law Center

Physicians and other medical professionals increasingly face risk when disclosing their own disability to employers. Despite passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act and other federal laws that promise equal access to people with disabilities, disclosure of disability in the medical profession today remains a balancing act between asserting your rights and protecting your job and license. Your best protection is a working knowledge of your rights and responsibilities when it comes to disability disclosure. Do you have to disclose your disability to the state medical licensing board? How do you respond when your new employer starts asking questions about your hearing? What is the most effective way to request accommodations in your current position? When things go wrong, what can you do to protect yourself? This presentation will meld real life examples with a discussion of legal rights.

- 3 PM Assistive Listening Devices - Samuel R. Atcherson, M.Ed., University of Memphis School of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology

Communication inaccessibility has long been an issue for individuals with hearing losses. However, these individuals have enjoyed an increase in communication accessibility and mobility using assistive technology due to advances in electronic technology. This short presentation will discuss the rationale for, types, pros and cons, availability, and overall accessibility and use of assistive technology, particularly in the healthcare fields. In addition to this presentation, you will have the opportunity to view and hold ALDs while asking questions about assistive technology.

- 4 PM Break

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4:30 PM Psychology of Hearing Loss - Kate Salvatore, M.D., University Of Pennsylvania, and Mary Kaland, Ph.D., private practice, New York City

This presentation explores various psychological aspects of hearing loss. Areas to be discussed include developmental issues; the psychology of acute versus chronic hearing loss issues; stress and hearing loss, and treatment issues with deaf and hearing-impaired consumers. Both presenters will include anecdotal information as they are hearing impaired, in addition to being mental health providers. Kate Salvatore, M.D. is a third year psychiatry resident at the University of Pennsylvania. She wears a hearing aid and benefits from an FM microphone. Mary Kaland, Ph.D. is a clinical psychologist in private practice in New York City. She wears a cochlear implant.

5:30 Break

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6 PM Evening program open until 11 PM (CART only available until 9 PM)--Pizza, open forum, social time

The Open Forum session is designed to allow AMPHL's officers and directors the opportunity to discuss ongoing advocacy projects, current committees, and future plans. Advocacy projects include see-through surgical masks. Current committees involved publicity, fundraising, and college outreach. Future plans include creating an official membership, online/hardcopy newsletters, and mentorship programs. This forum will also give conference attendees the chance to inform officers and directors of their willingness to participate in projects. We will also discuss what direction AMPHL should go to best serve the interests of medical professionals with hearing losses.

Feedback forms are located near the door. Please fill one out when you leave for the day. This will help us know how to improve next year's conference.

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CART TRANSCRIPTS

Transcripts of the AMPHL conference will be available for purchase in disk format. Two different CART reporters will be providing their services, one for the AM session and one for the PM session. Each CART reporter will bring sixty to seventy disks with them and, at the end of their shifts, make copies of their transcripts to sell on a first come first serve basis for \$15 per disk. If you wish to order disks after the conference, also for \$15 per disk, you may order them from the address below. Please note that Voice Print will be donating \$2 to AMPHL per disk sold. (Thank You, Voice Print!)

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