# **Threat Hunting**

Minimizing the damage of OTCs & other adversaries.

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# Facial Stimulation & Hypoplastic VIII Cranial Nerves

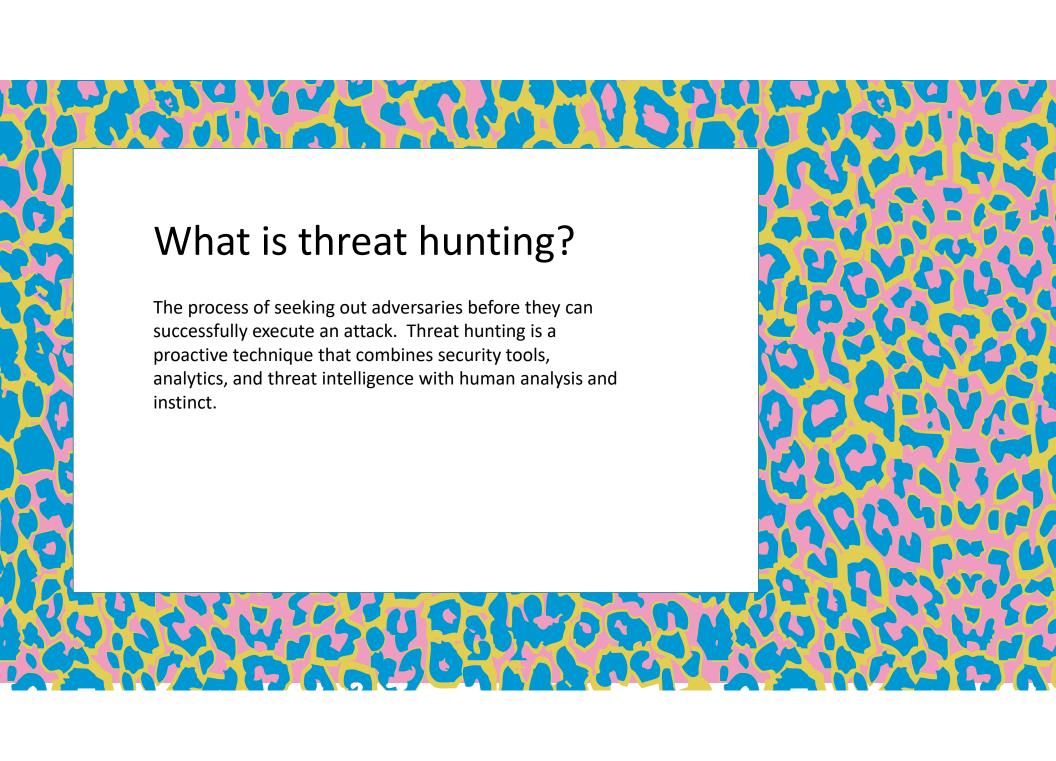
A Case Study: MEDEL Triphasic Pulse Stimulation Cochlear Implant Processor

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July 26, 2017

An 8-year-old girl was the first child to receive two external triphasic pulse stimulation processors by MEDEL. Activated and mapped by Dr. Reinhold Schatzer, MEDEL, Austria

## Selfie Sheet





# Threats?

3 years

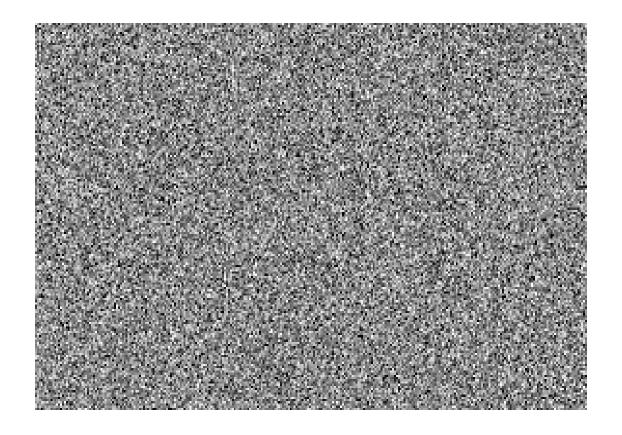
5 years

10 years

# Threat = Disruption

## Disruption =

disturbance or problems that interrupt an event, activity, or process



### **Leaders Push Boundaries**

Two Choices:

Act, or Don't

Jason Feifer

Editor, Entrepreneur

#### **Great visionaries**

Poor leaders? Great leaders?

### Live during an era of great visionaries

Steve Jobs, Apple

Salman Khan – Khan Academy

Google Cofounders – Sergey Brin & Larry Page

Bill & Melinda Gates

Starbucks Chairman & CEO, Howard Schultz

Mark Zuckerberg, Facebook

Elon Musk, Tesla

### **Automakers**

Big 3 Auto

Tesla





### **Photography**

"Kodak Moment"

Digital camera 1975 Online site Ofoto 2001 – Shutterfly

Failure is an inability to truly embrace the new business models the disruptive change opens up.



### Medicine

**CVS/Walgreens** 

Optometry

**Hearing Aids** 

**Drive-up Pharm** 











# **GRUBHUB**<sup>™</sup>

### Food

Grub Hub Groceries



USPS UPS FedX



Next?

OTC

Virtual fittings







Case Study:

Balance Assessment = discovery

## Healthcare

Unique aspect is interpretation.

### Patient XX

**Symptoms:** whiplash 22 years ago; PT for 2+ years for neck pain; stopped PT due to numbness in right hand; severe headaches; gluten intolerance; allergies; low blood pressure; right foot drop; dx of Raynaud's Phenomenon; first dizzy spell 6.5 years ago when got up from chair and room shifted.

#### **Test Results:**

Normal Hearing; Normal ABR, eCochG, oVEMP; cVEMP; Only abnormal VNG finding was symmetrical low gain pursuit

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Can't stop disruption and innovation

# How do you counter?

Michael Lindstrom Forensic scientist of emotional DNA

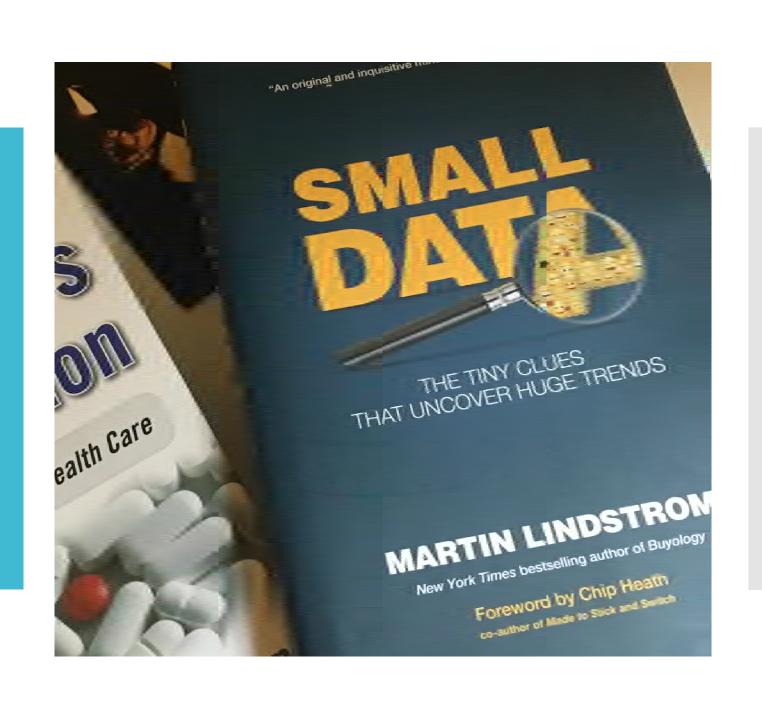
## Small data



LEGOs & a pair of red sneakers



### Small data

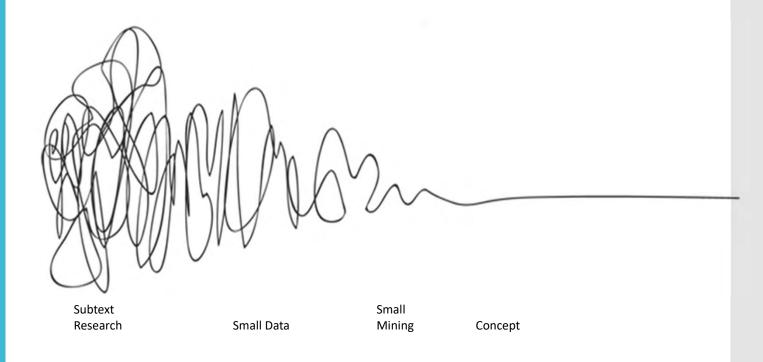


### **BIG Data**

Needle in a haystack.

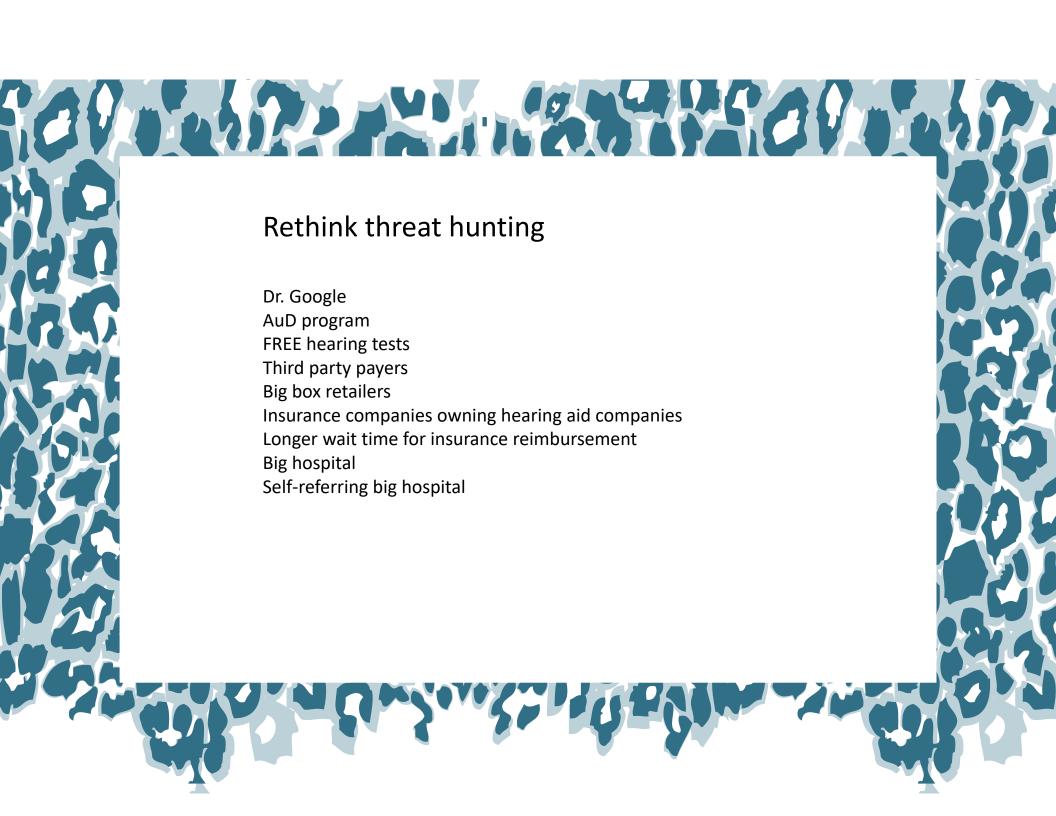


## Small Data Concept



Think about small data as it relates to audiology today











Threat hunting

More than just OTCs!













18x18 ADA

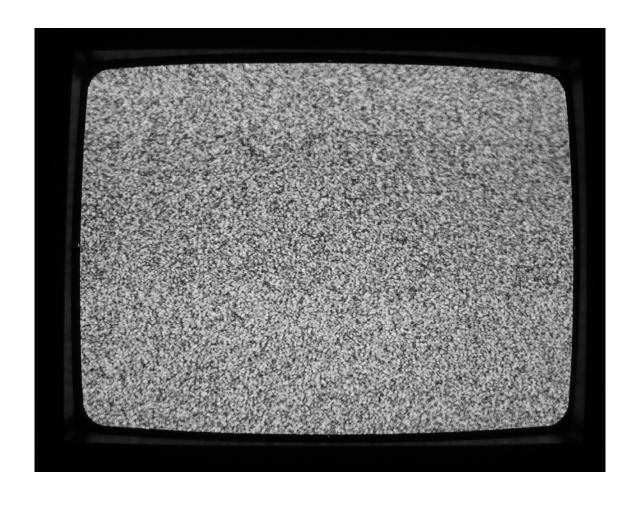




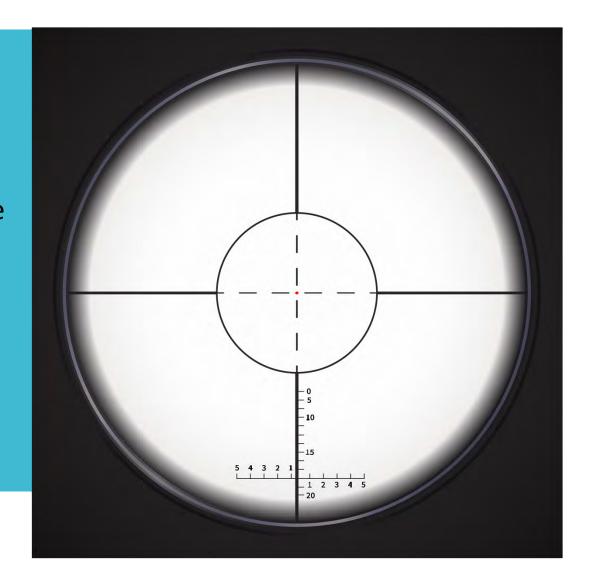
Part II: Sniper Tactics

## NOISE

How do you get noticed?



Audiologists are the snipers of the hearing health world.



Business experts

Marketing gurus

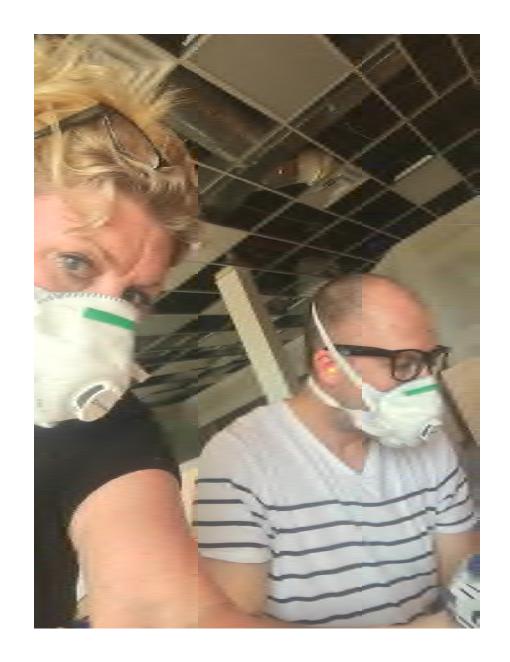
What audiologists are not...

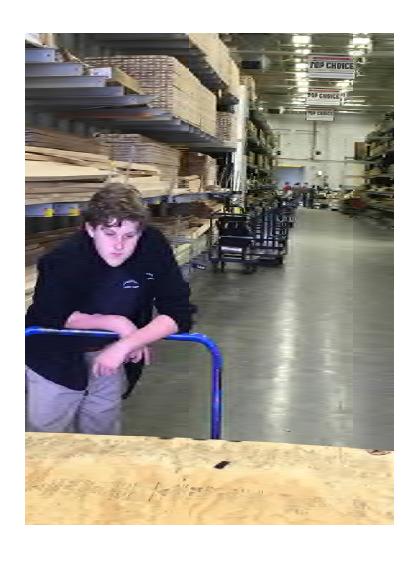


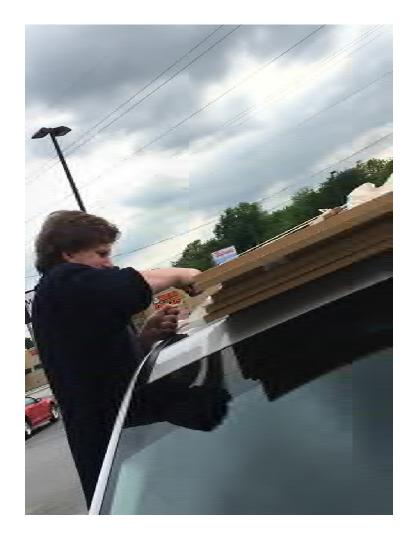
Salesman

Contract negotiator

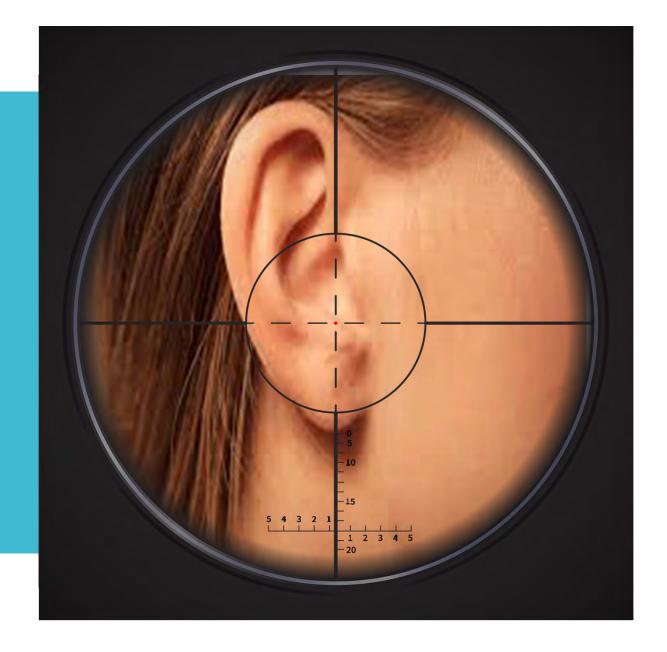
.....janitors
Maids
Landlords
Equipment specialists
Moving Service
Security
Trained mentors







Master marksmen focus on one thing...the target









Hire other highly skilled, reputable people to do what you don't know how to do.

#### Good EMR

- Collect good and accurate data
- Good customer service response time
- Changing with the environment
- Excellent training





Some things are too important to do yourself



### Sales/Marketing

"Integrity.
The choise between what's convenient and what's right."
Tony Dungy
UNcommon

- Books
  - Selling with Integrity:
     Reinventing Sales through Collaboration, Respect & Serving, Sharon Drew Morgan
- Training Course
  - Integrity Solutions.com, Ron Willingham

- Digital Marketing
  - · Read, read, read
  - Books
  - Webinars
  - Hire an expert
    - PeakEvolve





Utilize professional organizations















# Pull your chair up...

- Market/Partner with the primary care physician
- Send professional reports
- Team player



The Scholl Center is celebrating our 10-year anniversary of providing professional hearing health care in Tulsa. We are looking forward to earning your trust and confidence by partnering with you to provide diagnosis and treatment options for hearing, tinnitus, and balance disorders.

We are excited to announce our new, easily accessible clinic location at 3105 S. Harvard Avenue. Our mission is to continue providing the best hearing health care in Tulsa specializing in adults and geriatrics. Our services include:

- \* Hearing care including professional hearing aid consulting and other options
- ➤ Diagnostic Balance Assessments (neurophysiology, posturography & videonystagmography)
- ★ Cochlear Implants & other implantable technology
- X Tinnitus Evaluation & Treatment

Over 1,600 physicians have referred their patients over the last 10 years and trust that The Scholl Centerprovides the highest standard of professionalism for their patients. We strive to partner with our physicians to provide the best outcomes possible.

All clinicians are doctorate level professionals, current with the latest research and evidence-based practices, and use state-of-the-art equipment not available anywhere else in Tulsa. We look forward to partnering with you for the next 10 fabulous years providing intelligent hearing/balance/tinnitus solutions for your patients.



Soucerely. Dr. Jacque Scholl owner & audiologist

The Scholl Center





Front & Inside

#### Back side



#### DEADLY GOOD AT WHAT WE DO



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Coach's experience with hearing loss began in 1966 as an artillery officer. He fired 175 mm shells with no hearing protection, as was the norm at that time. Shortly after his discharge in his thirties, Ira started coaching high school football. He struggled with hearing loss for nearly a decade, and was fit with for hearing aids in his forties. Later in life, his hearing grew so poor, he was unable to hear on his headset during games, even with his hearing aids in.

After a consultation with The Scholl Center, Coach was encouraged to consider receiving a cochlear implant. Uneasy about the procedure, Coach was finally convinced to move forward after meeting a six-year-old boy with bilateral cochlear implants.

> Now that his hearing has vastly improved, Coach is able to communicate more freely and



Hearing Aid Recipient RUMAN

Truman was diagnosed with osteosarcoma as a young child. In addition to losing his leg, he endured grueling chemotherapy treatments that caused him to lose his hearing. Truman came to The Scholl Center for help. When his insurance company refused to cover hearing aids, Truman, his family, and The Scholl Center refused to take "no" for an answer.

Moved by Truman's resolve, The Scholl Center aimed to find a way to ensure this incredible young man would hear again. Thanks to generous contributions from a top audiology equipment manufacturer and Dr. Scholl herself, Truman was fitted with high-end hearing technology. Dr. Scholl then started a foundation called the Children's Hearing Aid Project (CAP) to help other kids like Truman who needed help.

Thrilled to be back in action, Truman can be found practicing his latest skateboarding trick or taking aim in archery.



that's when he decided to visit the Scholl Center, Juning his inhite consultation, Arvil was identified as a prime candidate for a cochlear implant. Confidence garnered from specialists at The Scholl Center, coupled with help from his support group, convinced Arvil to move forward with the procedure.

Today, Arvil is living better than ever with his cochlear device. He's grateful for The Scholl Center's patience and passion to help others, and credits them with restoring his hearing.



When Ayva passed her newborn hearing test, her mother assumed everything was fine. As she grew, Ayva's speech developed normally and her mother never noticed any signs of hearing loss. Always vigilant about her daughter's health, Ayva's mom never missed a routine checkup. Surprisingly, when Ayva was five years old, her pediatrician caught a hearing loss during a well-check visit.

Immediately, the pediatrician referred Ayva to an ENT where she was given an audiogram to assess her hearing deficit. Within days, experts at The Scholl Center fit her hearing aids. Shortly after, Ayva'a hearing loss progressed rapidly. In less than 2 years from the first diagnosis, Ayva received a cochlear implant. Her mother immediately noticed differences in her behavior, including less aggression and more contentment. Today, she's happy, healthy, and doing better than ever in school thanks to The Scholl Center. Ayva will soon receive her second cochlear implant.

**PicMonkey** 

Canva

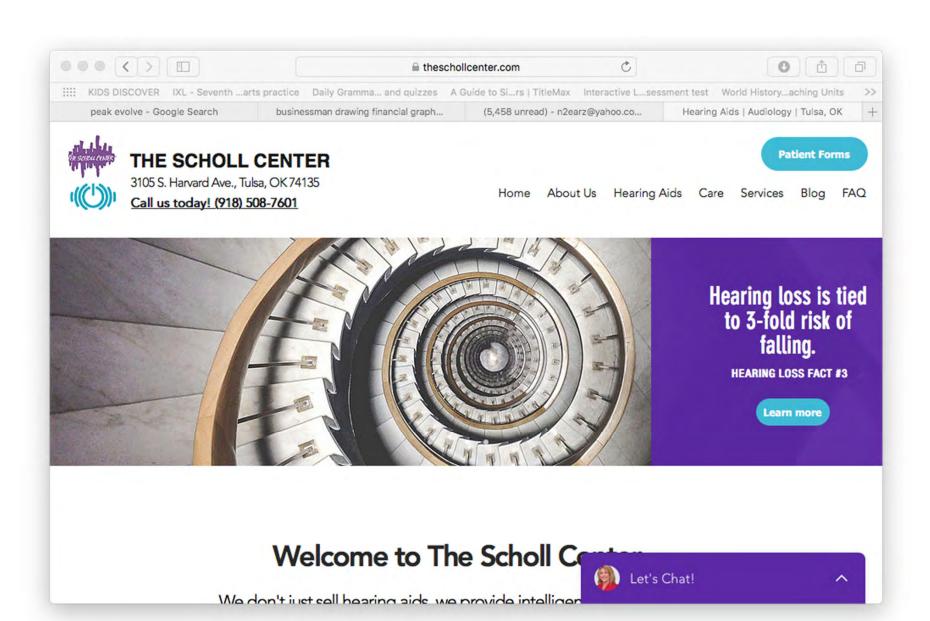




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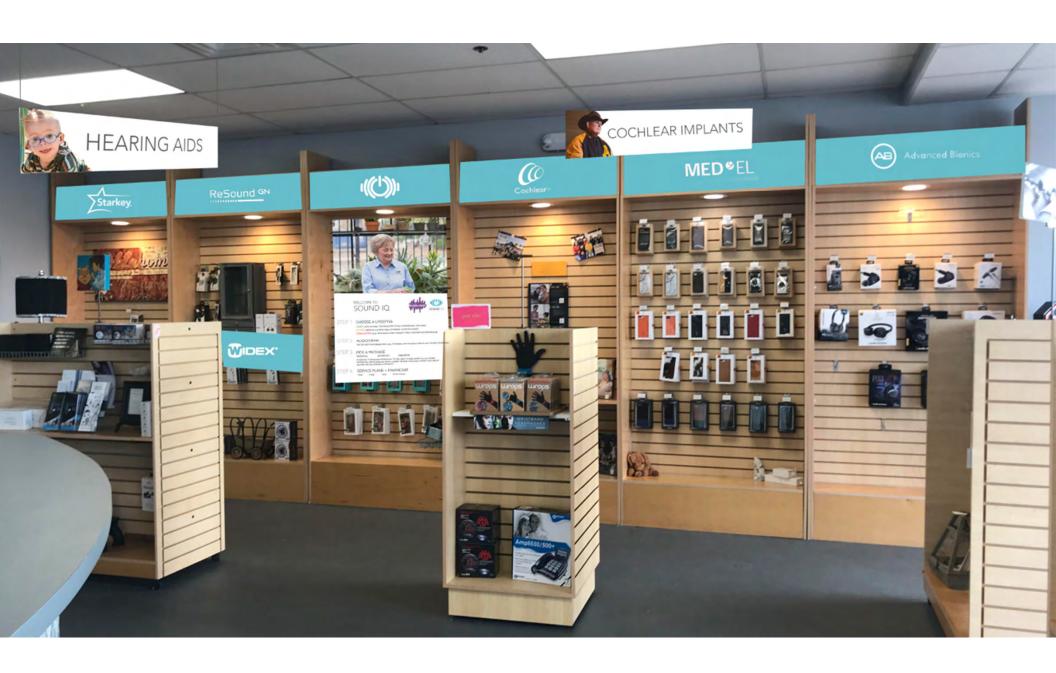
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**FOCUS & OTCs** 

Sound IQ













### What we are not

Consumer Electronics



## Hit inside the bullseye

Bone conducted Headphones

High quality/inexpensive head phones/ear buds

Hearing protection and products that keep people safe

OTCs/ PSAPs/FM

Wax Removal/HA Maintenance

Batteries











'She wasn't looking for a knight, she was looking for a sword."

atticus

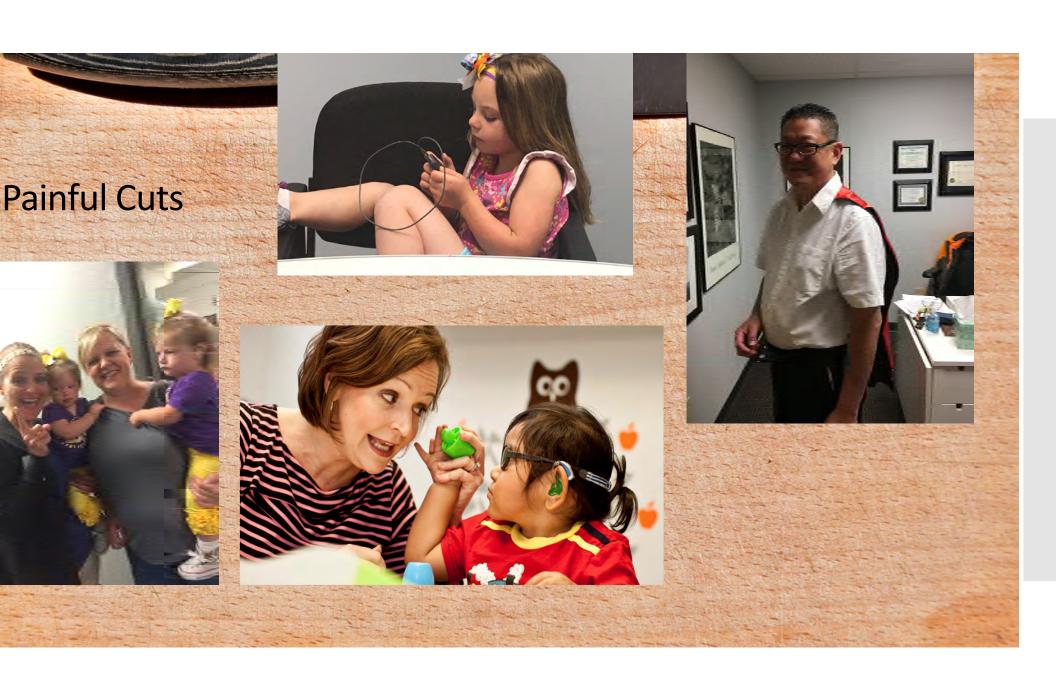


### Take aim

Use good data to make good decisions

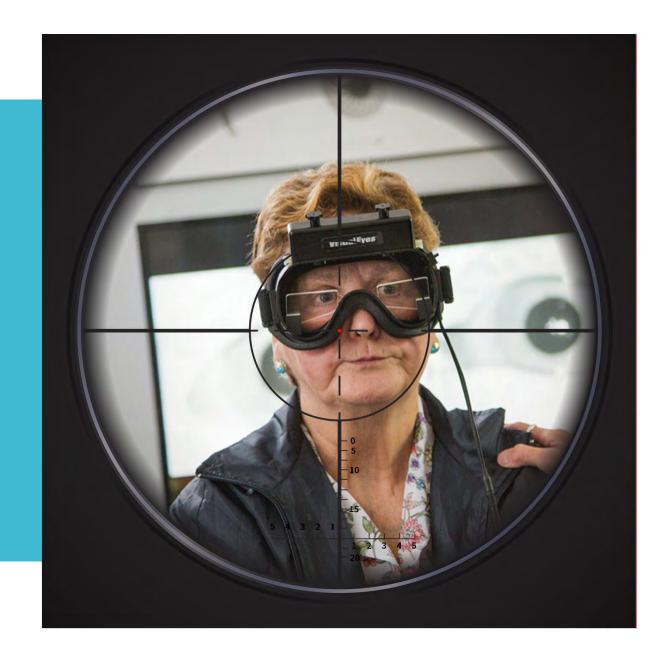
Not easy!





Line up your shot

The secret sauce

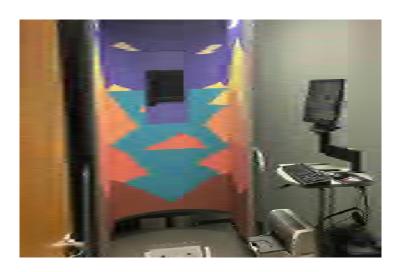


Hearing Aids

Balance

Tinnitus

Implantable Technology



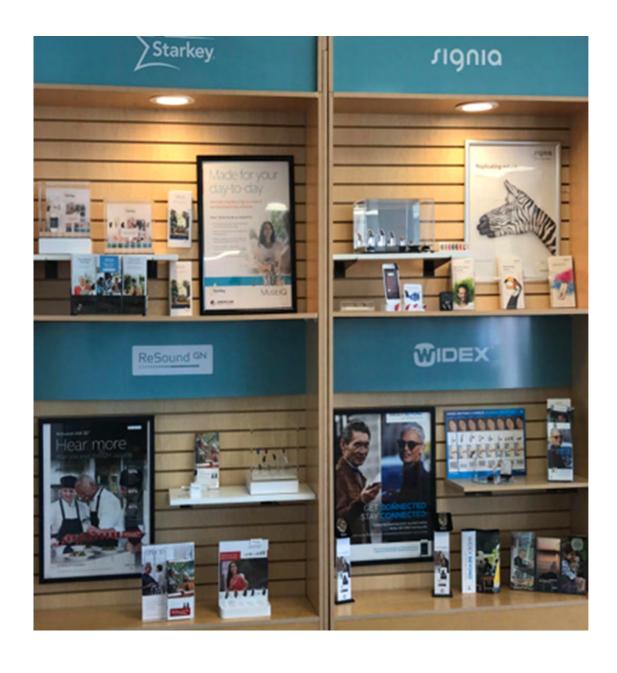


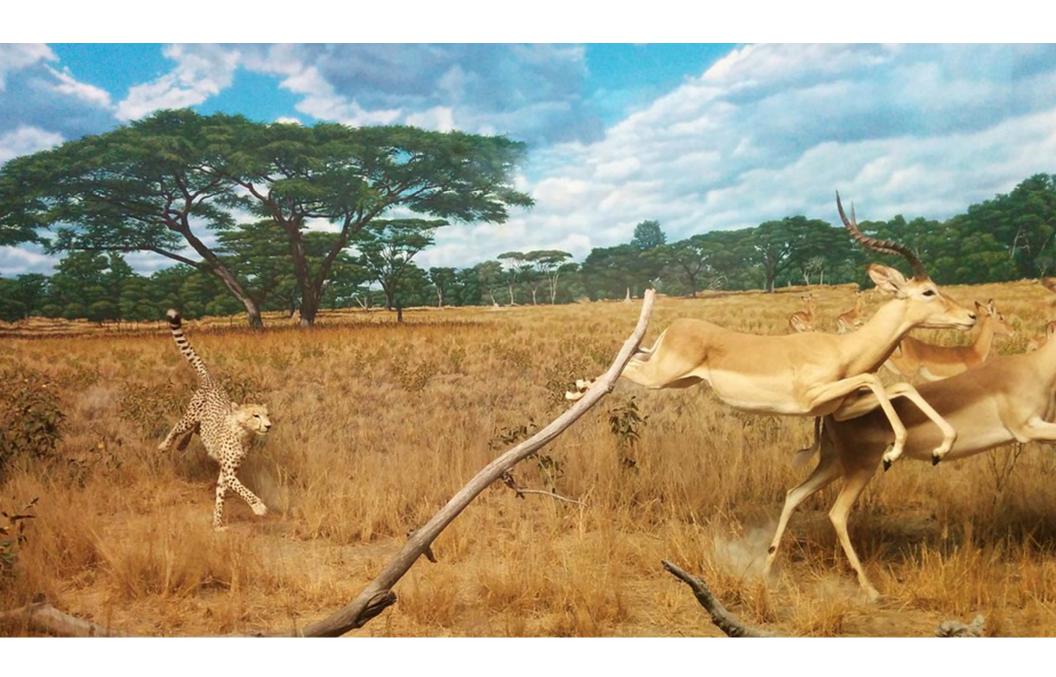


## Doubt kills more dreams than failure











## Part III: Take the shot

How to incorporate balance, tinnitus & implantable technology services into your practice.

# The usual suspects

- Audiology Online
- Conferences
- Books
- Online modules
- Networking

## **Tinnitus**

Natural addition

- Read, read, read
- Conference offerings
- Recreate the audiogram
- Understand questionnaires
- Offer all options available
- Special offering for a tinnitus masker
- How to bill for services



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## Questionnaires

### Tinnitus Functional Index (TFI)

Severity and negative impact of tinnitus for use at intake assessment and for measuring treatment related changes in tinnitus (responsiveness). The TFI has multiple tinnitus severity domains.

### Tinnitus Handicap Inventory (THI)

Measures the degree of distress suffered by the tinnitus patient.

# Tinnitus Evaluation

CPT 92625 Use modifier -52 if only testing one ear.

#### Pitch Match

A pitch match can be used to show a correlation with damage to the auditory system.

#### **Loudness Match**

Typically matches are less than 20dBSL and are very commonly on a few dB.

#### **Minimum Masking Level**

Measure for both white noise and narrowband noise (Narrowband not requires for 92625).

#### **Residual Inhibition**

#### **Loudness Growth Function**

(not required for 92625)

## **Billing Tinnitus**

**Comprehensive Audiogram** (high frequency audiogram) 92557; 92550; 92587

**Tinnitus Protocol** 92625

Schedule a technology consultation

## Tinnitus Solutions

#### **Tinnitus Retraining Therapy, Clinical Guidelines**

Henry, Trune, Robb, Jastreboff Plural Publishing

#### **Chapter 13: TRT Counseling**

Step-by-Step to demystify tinnitus

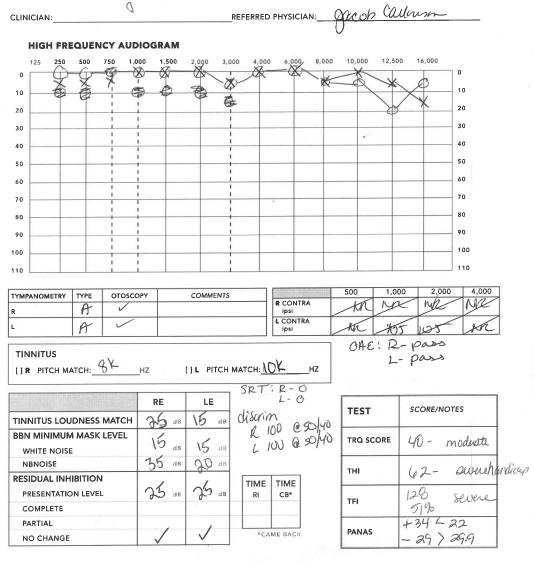
#### **Discuss self-administered questionnaires**

Hearing aids with/without masking
Specific masker solution
Sound Oasis products
Apps to download (Bluetooth speakers and/or ear buds)
Levo Otoharmonics

#### **Support Group**

#### **Appropriate referrals**

Don't forget due diligence with these patients



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### **Patient ABR Report**

HISTORY: XXXXX was seen for neuro-diagnostic ABR evaluation on this date. XXXX has bilateral tinnitus and hyperacusis. She is wearing custom earplugs for excessively loud situations. XXXX has normal hearing sensitivity with absent/elevated acoustic reflexes, and further testing to evaluate the integrity of the auditory system was recommended. XXXX tinnitus comes and goes; she will have periods of quiet, but a single loud, sharp sound (ie, silverware on plates) will trigger the tinnitus which will then last for days. She reported a single vertiginous episode in the recent past.

**RESULTS:** A neurodiagnostic ABR evaluation was completed at 60 nHL bilaterally. Could not complete at louder levels due to XXXXX symptoms and hyperacusis. Right ear absolute latencies were within normal limits; interpeak latencies were normal. Reversal of the click stimulus polarity did not alter waveform morphology in the right ear which indicated normal neural synchrony. A fast repetition rate shifted Wave V within the limits of normal.

A well defined Wave I could not be identified in the left ear; Wave III and V absolute latencies were slightly delayed compared to the right. Reversal of the click stimulus polarity altered the waveform morphology of Waves I and III, but Wave V was normal. A fast repetition rate shifted Wave V within the limits of normal. Morphology was worse in the left ear compared to the right.

#### **Abnormal ABR LEFT EAR**

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Referral to neurology for further evaluation of symptoms and abnormal ABR on the left.

## Balance

- Expensive equipment
- Learning curve
- Read, read, read
- Practice, practice, practice
- Take advantage of trainings
- Professional organization trainings
- Networking

## **Key points**

#### **Pre-Balance Assessment**

HISTORY
Comprehensive audiogram (including ipsi/contra reflexes);
Cerumen check;
Medication overview and instructions;

Explanation of testing.

### **Balance Testing**

Posturography (or bedside procedures)
Neuro ABR
oVEMP/cVEMP
eCochG
VNG

**NO SHOW FEEs** 

## Implantable Technology

• The single most important aspect of expanding your private practice is offering all options for hearing loss.



## **Billing Codes**

- Comprehensive audiogram
- Evaluation of auditory rehabilitation status (92626)
- ....each additional 15 minutes (92627)
- Activation code (92601; 92603)
- Mapping code (92602; 92604)
- You can only use 92626/27 for cochlear implants.

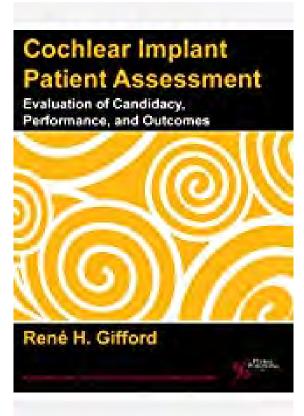
## How do you learn?

- Read, read, read
- Cochlear reps BFF
- Attend trainings
- Professional organizations
- Audiology online

Most importantly – know who is a candidate...and it has little to do with the audiogram.



Dr. Rene H. Gifford



## CD for Assessments

## Speech-Recognition Testing

- Speech-Perception Metrics
  - Minimum Speech Test Battery (MSTB) created by AAO-HNS, AAA, and CI manufacturers to determine test materials to be used in clinic and research for adult CI users.
  - Current version of MSTB includes
    - CNC words
    - AzBio sentences (in quiet or at fixed SNR w/ 10-talker babble)
    - BKB-SIN (descending SNR w/ 4-talker babble)

## AB Cochlear Medel

Workshops

One day per month in office

Lots of hands-on training

Materials for office

Regional trainings

On-Call audiologists always available



Write down 3 things you can take back and implement in your practice



## Thank you!

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