

Family Audiology

Family Audiology is a privately owned business that offers comprehensive, diagnostic evaluations and specialized tests and treatments for patients that are challenged by hearing loss or related disorders.

Kristi Leniek, M.S., CCC-A, and Jaime Parrotte, B.S. have academic and clinical training that provides the foundation for patient management from birth through adulthood.

Family Audiology continues to build on its commitment to their patients - increase awareness about auditory disorders and its implications, provide strategies to minimize the impact on the patient, and improve the quality of life.



If you think your child may have (C)APD, please consult with his/her educational and medical professionals.

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Central Auditory Processing Disorders (C)APD



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What is (C)APD?

Very simply, auditory processing is what the brain does with what the ear hears.

(C)APD is a disruption in this process and can occur from a child's developmental years through adulthood. It is most commonly diagnosed in children.

Detecting (C)APD

Does your child display the following behaviors?

- Easily distracted
- Bothered by noisy Environments
- Disorganized or forgetful
- Difficulty following directions
- Reading, writing, spelling or other language difficulties
- Often say "Huh" or "What"
- Misunderstands what is said
- Poor memory
- History of ear infections

Diagnosing (C)APD

Several professionals are involved in the diagnosis of (C)APD including audiologists, educational professionals, and physicians. However, only trained audiologists can perform auditory processing testing to determine if the disorder exists.

Referral Protocol

A typical evaluation includes several specialized tests that rely on normal hearing. Therefore, a hearing test must be conducted prior to a (C)APD evaluation.

In addition, the child must meet specific criteria before evaluation at Family Audiology.

- Normal hearing
- At least 7 years of age
- Normal cognition/IQ
- Records may be requested related to past attention, speech, neurological, psychological, or other relevant tests

Managing (C)APD

Management for (C)APD usually requires three components:

- Environmental Modifications
Changes such as the addition of acoustic tiling and carpeting can be made to learning environments to reduce adverse effects of noise.
- Remediation Techniques
Deficits are targeted and strengthened through therapeutic techniques such as speech-language therapy and computer programs.
- Compensatory Strategies
Techniques are used to overcome any remaining deficit such as problem solving skills, memory aids, and organizational tools.

(C)APD & ADHD

Symptoms of (C)APD and ADHD may be very similar especially with regard to distractibility. However, the conditions are completely different. The presence or absence of ADHD should be determined prior to (C)APD testing.