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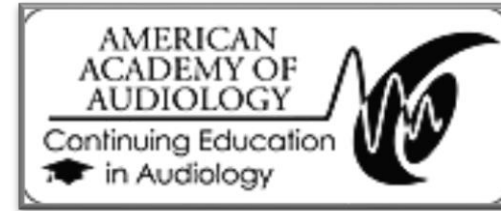
FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2016
Portsmouth Harbor Events and Conference
Center
Portsmouth, NH

Cognition, Audition and Amplification
Douglas L. Beck, Au.D.

Over the Counter Tinnitus Products – Helpful
or Harmful?
Robert M. DiSogra, Au.D.

PROGRAM

7:30 - 8:20	Registration, Exhibits, and Silent Auction Continental Breakfast
8:20 - 8:30	Welcome, Announcements, and Introduction
8:30 -10:00	Cognition, Audition and Amplification Douglas L. Beck, Au.D..
10:00-10:30	Exhibits and Silent Auction Morning Break
10:30-12:00	Cognition, Audition and Amplification Douglas L. Beck, Au.D.
12:00 -1:20	Silent Auction and Exhibits Lunch
1:20 - 1:30	Announcements
1:30 -3:00	Over the Counter Tinnitus Products – Helpful or Harmful? Robert M. DiSogra, Au.D.
3:00 -3:30	Exhibits and Silent Auction Afternoon Break
3:30 -5:00	Over the Counter Tinnitus Products – Helpful or Harmful? Robert M. DiSogra, Au.D
5:00	Course Evaluations, CEUs



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NHAA is approved by the **American Academy of Audiology** to offer Academy CEUs for this activity. The program is worth a maximum of **.6 CEUs**.



Accredited for **.6 ABA Tier 1 CEUs** Registration

This program is approved by the **International Hearing Society** and its educational committee, the **International Institute for Hearing Instruments Studies**. Accredited for **6 HIS** credit hours



The **registration** fee includes **meals, course materials, handouts and access to the vendor area**. Full cancellation refunds will be granted through April 7th. Partial refunds (less \$50) will be granted through the **REGISTRATION DEADLINE** of April 29th.

Once again, we are offering a silent auction for your enjoyment. This has been a crowd-pleaser in the past, and we have lots of interesting items lined up again this year. Come prepared to support your Academies and **BID HIGH!**

FOR ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS, CONTACT:

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FEATURED SPEAKERS:

Douglas L. Beck Au.D.

Dr. Beck earned his master's degree at the University of Buffalo (1984) and his doctorate from the University of Florida (2000). His professional career began in Los Angeles at the House Ear Institute in cochlear implant research and intraoperative cranial nerve monitoring. By 1988, he was Director of Audiology at Saint Louis University. Eight years later he co-founded an audiology and dispensing practice in St Louis. In 1999, he became Editor-In-Chief of [AudiologyOnline.com](#), [SpeechPathology.com](#) and [HealthyHearing.com](#). Dr. Beck joined Oticon in 2005 as Director of Professional Relations. From 2008 through 2015, Beck was the Web Content Editor for the American Academy of Audiology (AAA). In 2011, he became Adjunct Professor of Audiology at Lamar University and in 2015 he became an adjunct Associate Professor of Audiology at University of Hawaii. As of Jan 1, 2016, Dr Beck has been appointed Senior Editor for Clinical Research at the Hearing Review. Dr. Beck is among the most prolific authors in audiology with 148 published articles, more than 1250 abstracts, interviews and op-eds written for the AAA (2008-2015) and Audiology Online (1999-2005) addressing a wide variety of audiology and professional topics.

Robert M. DiSogra, Au.D.

Robert M. DiSogra, Au.D., received his Doctor of Audiology degree in 2003 from the *Osborne College of Audiology at Salus University* in Elkins Park, PA. He holds a Masters Degree in Audiology from *Hofstra University* and a Bachelor's Degree in Speech Education from *St. John's University* (NY). Dr. DiSogra has been employed in clinical, research, industrial and educational settings prior to opening his private practice in 1985 in Freehold, NJ. He developed and taught the *Pharmacology/Ototoxicity* distance learning course at *Salus University* for five years. He also is an adjunct lecturer there. Dr. DiSogra has also taught doctoral level/graduate and undergraduate Audiology courses at *Salus University*, *St. John's University*, *Rutgers University* and *Kean University*. He has lectured nationally and internationally on adverse drug reactions and patient management and has several book chapters to his credit. Dr. DiSogra was a co-founder and the first President of the *New Jersey Academy of Audiology* in 1992. In 1995 recipient of *New Jersey Speech & Hearing Association's Distinguished Clinical Service Award* and in May, 2013, Dr. DiSogra was recognized as *Alumnus of the Year* from *Salus University*.

Cognition, Audition, and Amplification

Cognitive issues are of particular importance to the audiologist, as the demographic of the typical cognitively impaired patient and that of the first time user of amplification overlap substantially. There is much concern (in 2016) about the potential cause/effect or correlation between cognition and audition. This course will discuss contemporary peer-reviewed and outcome-based findings across the disciplines of cognition, audition, and amplification, with specific regard to applying outcomes to hearing aid fittings. For example, adaptive noise reduction circuits have been shown to increase word learning rates, make it easier to remember details of discussions which took place in adverse listening situations, and reduce cognitive load. We will describe how and why spatial hearing works for normal hearing people, and the degradation of spatial hearing which occurs with traditional hearing aid fittings. The audiogram is clearly the “gold-standard” with respect to hearing, however it reveals precious little about listening! Research indicates that further development of clinical protocols to assess listening ability and to screen cognitive ability appears to be warranted.

Over the Counter Tinnitus Products – Helpful or Harmful?

Over 60 products are commercially available that allege relief from tinnitus. Folklore, traditional Chinese medicine, homeopathy or other non-scientifically evaluated ingredients are mixed into pills, sprays, oils or otic drops with dosages that have “*no minimum daily value established.*” There are no over-the-counter tinnitus relief products that are FDA approved. Efficacy and safety data do not exist yet statements are made by manufacturers touting tinnitus relief and in some cases a cure. These products have a combined total of over 225 ingredients with 10% of the ingredients having undergone peer reviewed research that has been published in scholarly journals over the past 65 years. This program reviews the Federal Guidelines for OTC supplements and identifies ingredients that could be harmful to your patient as well as the published research on supplements for tinnitus relief. Also, a comparison is made between two of the most popular tinnitus products on the market. Recommendations are made for improved patient management.

LODGING

The all-new Hampton Inn & Suites Portsmouth Downtown brings signature style and service to a location ideally situated within vibrant **Portwalk** Place and only minutes from top companies and downtown attractions like historic Strawberry Banke, Prescott Park and The Music Hall. **Portsmouth** is a vibrant, coastal New England city that sits near the mouth of the Piscataqua River. It is a working seaport with unique, locally owned shops and restaurants, world-class culture, engaging outdoor activities, vibrant nightlife and interesting local character which attracts visitors from around the world. Portsmouth regularly lands on lists of best places to live and visit. This is a great place to walk and take in the scenic sights, smells and sounds of the historic seaport!

A block of rooms has been reserved at **The Hampton Inn and Suites Portsmouth Downtown** Thursday night at the discounted rate of \$149 for a 2 queen bed room **until April 13th**. Please mention the group code NHA or NHAA SPRING CONFERENCE to receive the conference rate. After that, reservations are on a space-available basis only. **CALL EARLY!**

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Hampton Inn Valet hotel **parking** is \$22 per night
Visit parkportsmouth.com for a city parking map and other parking options.

From The South: Take I-95N to Exit 7 in New Hampshire. Turn right onto Market Street then right onto Russell Street. Merge onto Deer Street (100 Deer Street is straight ahead when stopped at the end of Russell Street). Pull into Portwalk Place at 100 Deer Street (This is a one-way drive).

From the North: Take I-95S to Exit 7 in New Hampshire. Turn left onto Market Street then right onto Russell Street. Merge onto Deer Street (100 Deer Street is straight ahead when stopped at the end of Russell Street). Pull into Portwalk Place at 100 Deer Street (This is a one-way drive).

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Maine and New Hampshire Academies of Audiology
May 13, 2016

NAME _____

EMPLOYMENT SETTING _____

Job Title _____

Preferred Mailing Address:

Daytime Phone _____ Fax _____

Email _____ (for confirmation notices only)

For CEUs, AAA number: _____

NH/ME Academy Members: (Early) \$175 (After 4/13) \$200

Non-members: (Early) \$225 (After 4/13) \$250

Students: (Early) \$ 75 (After 4/13) \$100

Advisor Signature: _____

University: _____

Check all that apply:

ABA/Tier I CEUs.

Assistive listening device.

Any other special accommodations

Specify: _____

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