



## Hearing Loss

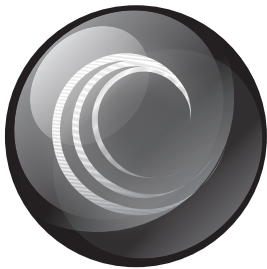
Hearing loss is one of the most common chronic medical conditions affecting adults and children in America. It can adversely affect physical, cognitive, and social aspects of an individual's life. Iowa Ear Center is dedicated to the comprehensive evaluation of hearing loss. We offer assessment of candidacy for hearing aids and for surgical solutions for hearing loss including cochlear implants, Baha bone anchored hearing systems, and middle ear implantable devices.

## Early Identification and Treatment Options

With early identification and confirmation of hearing loss, intervention can begin immediately, giving adults and children the best opportunity for academic, interpersonal and social success.

## Patient Education

We believe every patient deserves a thorough understanding of their problem and our recommended plan of treatment. We are committed to taking the time to evaluate all symptoms, answer questions, explain diagnostic testing and clarify treatment recommendations.



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## Our Location



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## About Iowa Ear Center

Iowa Ear Center is a medical and surgical practice that delivers high quality, service-driven care. Led by board-certified surgeon Dr. Matthew Carfrae, our staff specializes in the treatment of hearing loss, chronic ear infections and tympanic membrane perforations, as well as the evaluation and treatment of vertigo, dizziness and balance conditions, in all age groups. Iowa Ear Center is also dedicated to treating complicated skull base conditions such as acoustic neuromas and glomus tumors with comprehensive management options including stereotactic radiosurgery. Our fast growing practice attracts patients from all over the Midwest who are accustomed to top quality service and state of the art technology.

## What is Otology/Neurotology?

Otology/Neurotology is a subspecialty of the ear, nose and throat (ENT) field devoted solely to the medical and surgical treatment of ear, hearing, balance and facial nerve disorders in adults and children. While a majority of our patients are referred to us by ENT physicians, Iowa Ear Center does not require a referral to establish care.

## Our Services

- Cochlear Implants
- Hearing Aids
- Bone Anchored Hearing Aids (Baha)
- Audiology and Otology
- Auditory Brainstem Evoked Response Testing (ABR)
- Chronic Ear Disease Treatment
- Balance/Dizziness Treatment
- Vestibular Testing (VNG)
- Acoustic Neuroma Treatment
- Ear and Skull Base Surgery
- Stereotactic Radiosurgery (Cyberknife)

## Staff Members

### Dr. Matthew Carfrae, MD



Dr. Matthew Carfrae is a neuro-otologic surgeon who focuses exclusively on treating disorders of the ear, skull base tumors and dizziness and balance. His fellowship studies focused on acoustic neuroma treatment and complicated ear surgery. Dr. Carfrae also has extensive experience in the surgical correction of congenital ear abnormalities, including the repair of pediatric aural atresia.

### Trisha Hittenmiller, ARNP, MSN



Trisha Hittenmiller is a licensed nurse practitioner with experience working with both pediatric and adult patients prior to joining our clinic. Trisha works in close collaboration with Dr. Carfrae to provide prompt, quality care to our patients. Her professional interests include disorders of balance and dizziness as well as congenital ear anomalies.

### Diana Hanson, MS, CCC-A



Diana Hanson is a licensed audiologist and hearing aid dispenser with more than 25 years experience specializing in pediatric audiological care. She provides audiological care to both adult and pediatric patients with a focus on ABR testing, hearing aids and cochlear implants.

### Sarah Fugleberg, AuD, CCC-A



Sarah Fugleberg is a licensed audiologist and hearing aid dispenser who provides adult and pediatric hearing evaluations, hearing device care – including hearing aids, Bahas and cochlear implants - and vestibular and balance evaluations.



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