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## **NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

The mission of the Education and Training team for Starkey Hearing Technologies is to Empower Through Education. Key stakeholders were interviewed to determine the goals and outcomes for training. It was determined that as technology continues to advance, the gap between the components of hearing aid fitting, practice management and patient counseling continues to widen. To initiate change toward protocols that effectively engage all three components, training was required. Training formats will include lecture, hands-on, discussion and product demonstrations.

## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Attendees learned that hearing aid technology is always evolving and knowing how they operate in different environments ensure effective patient counseling sessions during the fitting process. The importance of product demonstrations and troubleshooting strategies was discussed.

## **LEARNING OUTCOMES**

1. Select the most appropriate technology to meet their patient's communication and lifestyle needs
2. Demonstrate wireless technology and mobile applications

## **END GENERAL COURSE INFORMATION**

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## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES AND DISCLOSURES

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Harvey Abrams, Ph.D., is the Director of Audiology Research at Starkey Hearing Technologies and a leader in the audiology community. He has written many papers and book chapters on evidence-based practice, outcome measures, treatment efficacy, and patient quality of life, and has played a prominent role in organizations such as the American Academy of Audiology and the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. A native of Brooklyn, N.Y., Abrams obtained his bachelor's degree at George Washington University and both his master's and doctorate degrees at the University of Florida. Most recently, Abrams was Associate Chief of Staff for Research and Development at the VA Healthcare System, Bay Pines, FL. Earlier positions include Director of Research at the Audiology & Speech Center, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, and Chief of Audiology and Speech Pathology at the VA Healthcare System, Bay Pines.

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Kyle Acker, Au.D., is an audiologist and Director of Regional Sales for the southeast at Starkey Hearing Technologies. Dr. Acker completed his B.S. in industrial hygiene and his M.S. and Au.D. at Purdue University in West Lafayette, IN. He began his clinical career at The American Institute of Balance in Largo, FL, before joining the Starkey Hearing Technologies team as a regional trainer. His clinical interests include amplification and counseling techniques, utilizing technology in the hearing aid delivery process and innovating education and training techniques to improve clinician understanding of new technology. Dr. Acker is a passionate supporter of the Starkey Hearing Foundation.

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Jen Amdahl joined Starkey Hearing Technologies as Manager of Education and Training with Micro-Tech in January 2007. After spending over 3 years as a Field Technology Specialist on the Starkey Sales Team, she returned to Education and Training with the Network Team in 2014. Dr. Amdahl has presented Conferences on technology and product as well as fitting strategies, in addition to spending countless hours in clinic settings with individual clinicians. Her clinical experience includes hospital, private practice and ENT settings. Dr. Amdahl has earned her M.S. in Audiology from Wayne State University, in Detroit, MI and her Au.D. through Salus University.

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Tani Austin holds more than 25 years experience in the hearing industry, including: maintaining her own hearing aid practice for 10 years, and serving as the Illinois Department of Public Health Practicum Examiner for the hearing aid dispensing of state licensing exam, Secretary of the Illinois Hearing Society, and on the National Board of Certification in the Hearing Sciences. Mrs. Austin co-founded Starkey Hearing Foundation with her husband Bill. For more than a decade she has served as chairperson Starkey Hearing Foundation's annual fundraiser, the "So the World May Hear" Awards Gala, the largest fundraising event in the Twin Cities. The Gala continues to facilitate the message of hearing health, education and awareness to the world, and has honored many legendary personalities, such as President Bill Clinton, Muhammad Ali and Sir Elton John. Currently, the Foundation fits more than 100,000 hearing aids annually in the U.S. and around the world.

Relevant Financial: Business Development, CEO Office, Starkey Hearing Technologies

Relevant Non-Financial: Co-Founder, Starkey Hearing Foundation

William F. Austin N/A

In 1967, Starkey Hearing Technologies Founder and CEO William F. Austin founded a hearing instrument repair service in St. Louis Par, Minnesota. Four years later, he acquired a small earmold company called Starkey Laboratories, and merged his companies under the Starkey Laboratories name. Austin's experience in hearing aid distribution and repair led him to create the concept of comprehensive hearing solutions. Austin's focus on customer satisfaction and quality of life revolutionized the industry by setting a new standard for innovation and service. Since 1984, his Starkey Hearing Foundation has promoted hearing care awareness through support of research, education and charitable programs.

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Allison joined Starkey Hearing Technologies in 2012. She is currently a Field Technology Specialist covering the new York City Metro market. Prior to her employment at Starkey, Allison opened and operated Southpoint Hearing Center, a hearing aid practice for a prominent ophthalmologist in Jacksonville, FL. She had previously dispensed hearing aids at Advanced Hearing Centers in St. Augustine, FL and U.S. Hearing Aid Centers in Ormond Beach FL. Allison earned her Bachelors of Business Administration degree from Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, FL. She has been Board Certified in Hearing Instrument Sciences (BC-IHS) since 2008.

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Margaret Bruch is the Supervisor of Retail Marketing for Starkey. She has been in the marketing field for more than eight years and has experience in a variety of areas including retail, events, grassroots and direct marketing. She has a solid background in the hearing industry and in her current position, manages a team of marketing executives that work with customers to develop marketing plans, assist in creative development and production of marketing materials, and implement and gather results for marketing campaigns. Bruch holds a bachelor's degree from University of Wisconsin - Madison.

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Lori Bunkholt joined Starkey Hearing Technologies in 2003. Her current position within Starkey Hearing Technologies is in the Exclusive Networks Education and Training department. Having worked in the hearing industry for the past 30+ years, her experience includes manufacturing, product management, training and field sales. She has also dispensed hearing instruments in a private practice setting, conducted Consumer Educational Conferences and managed multiple service centers. Education includes Board Certification in 1991, as well as on-going CEU certification. She has worked with programmable and digital technology since 1987. She has been an accredited speaker since 1988 and has conducted numbers training Conferences and classes at regional and state meetings.

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Sara Burdak joined Starkey Hearing Technologies as an audiologist on the Hearing Research and Technology team in May 1999. She is currently the Senior Director of Education and Audiology and has presented Conferences worldwide on digital technology, advanced fitting strategies and product tutorials. Her clinical experience includes hearing aid dispensing, diagnostic testing and counseling. Burdak earned her B.A. in audiology and speech sciences from Michigan State University and a master's degree in audiology from Wayne State University. She received her Au.D. from the Arizona School of Health Sciences.

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Thomas Burns, Ph.D., entered the University of Hartford's Hartt School of Music with a scholarship to study classical piano. His interest in acoustics was sparked there, earning a B.S. in engineering at their College of Engineering. He went on to earn an M.S. and Ph.D. in acoustics from the Pennsylvania State University, where he worked on acoustic



holography methods and directional hydrophone arrays for submarines. Since joining Starkey Hearing Technologies, Dr. Burns has authored more than thirty patent disclosures. He especially enjoys peaceful evenings playing DeBussy Preludes after the kids have been put to bed.

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Luis Camacho began working for Starkey Hearing Technologies in August 2000 as a Field Sales Representative covering OH, IL and KY. In 2008, he joined the Education and Training Department. Current duties include leading training classes for Starkey staff and customers., developing training materials and overseeing Starkey's Audiology Online and e-learning initiatives. He received his B.A. in Telecommunications and Audio Engineering from Indiana University and continued on to receive his M.A. in Audiology from Indiana University in 1991. After graduate school, he worked as a staff audiologist for an otology practice in Indianapolis where his duties included clinical audiology, special testing, hearing aid dispensing, marketing and public relations. In October of 2013 he earned his Au.D. from A.T. Still University. Luis is married with three children and resides in Bloomington, IN.

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On May 23, 1997, Jamie Clarke became the ninth Canadian to summit Mount Everest. A dedicated adventurer and speaker, he custom-tailors each presentation he delivers. By integrating various company ideals into his speeches, he demonstrates how the life lessons he learned during his Mt. Everest expeditions may be directly applied to every organization's challenges. Recharging audience enthusiasm and morale, Clarke relates the importance of overcoming the fear of rejection as a major factor in the process of reaching your goals. He suggests that we must face and conquer the internal battle of self-awareness so that we may then become a supportive member of any team that faces challenges together, whether it be our companies, our marriages, or our families. As a professional speaker, Clarke brings inspiration and infectious enthusiasm to any organization. While weaving together his inspiring story of dedication and triumph, he demonstrates to his audiences that we are all adventurers on our own journeys.

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Debra Cowley, Au.D., joined Starkey Hearing Technologies in August 2001. In her current role as Education and Training Audiologist, Dr. Cowley develops staff and customer training materials and has presented on a variety of topics related to amplification and digital signal processing and coordinates the continuing education program. Prior to joining Starkey Hearing Technologies, she worked as a teacher for the deaf and an audiologist | educational consultant in various school settings. She earned a B.A. in elementary and deaf education from Augustana College, an M.A. in audiology from the University of South Dakota and the Au.D. through the Arizona School of Health Sciences.

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Tom Crystal is the Manager of Patient Financing for Starkey Hearing Technologies. He received his JD from William Mitchell College of Law and has since worked in finance, operations and sales roles in businesses ranging from small, privately owned startup consultancies to large, public financial institutions. His current role focuses on supporting the patient financing needs of all customers under the Starkey Hearing Technologies umbrella.

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Linda Daily joined the Education and Training department at Starkey Hearing Technologies as a trainer in March of 2008. She arrived with over 20 years of experience as an audiologist in a dispensing private practice setting, a college instructor, educational audiologist and community speaker with a passion for finding solutions for those with hearing loss. She received her B.S. in Speech Pathology/Audiology-University of Oregon, her M.A. from California State University, Long Beach and the Au.D. through Salus University. Her current position is within the sales team as a Senior Field Technology Specialist.

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Mike Dalton is the Director of Retail Marketing at Starkey Hearing Technologies. He has more than two decades of industry experience, having worked in various sales, marketing and leadership positions within Starkey Hearing Technologies. His experience lies in building and driving sales, as well as delivering strong marketing tools to further develop the hearing practice. Mike has presented for audiences as large as four thousand, consistently delivering and engaging and passionate message with a call to action. Areas of special interest to Mike include layered marketing and social media's effect on business, as well as presenting customers with superior services experiences.

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Matt Davis joined Starkey Hearing Technologies in 1997. His current position at Starkey is the Director of Regional Sales for the Central United States, where he is responsible for managing Central Region sales group and business development for the company. Before his tenure as a Director for the company, Matt worked in many different sales capacities for Starkey. Matt graduated from the University of Minnesota with a degree in Political Science.

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Julie Davison has worked at Starkey Hearing Technologies for 10 years in many different capacities. Starting out in the sales department, Julie moved to the Strategic Partners Group where she specialize din business growth with Networks and Buying Groups over the complete United States. Currently Julie is the Regional Sales Director for the West Coast responsible for Starkey's Better Hearing Initiatives in eleven of our western states.

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Chris DiCapo began his professional career as a Territory Account Manager with Starkey in 2000. This sparked his interest in becoming a Certified Hearing Instrument Dispenser so he could experience changing people's lives by helping them hear better firsthand. In 2009, Chris earned his CHID license in the state of MN and worked for a local practice in the Twin Cities. Chris re-joined Starkey in 2012 and still maintains his license today. He currently resides in the Twin cities with his wife and bulldog names Dozer, and is expecting a baby in August 2014.

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Danielle first joined Starkey Hearing Technologies in June of 2011 and her current role as Inside Account Executive focuses primarily on building and maintaining exemplary relationships with Starkey's VA Audiologists. She is passionate about moving this segment of Starkey business forward with consistent efforts to increase our VA customer's awareness of Starkey's current and future product offerings. She earned her B.A. in Biology from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire in 2004 and is honored to be in this industry serving audiologists and Veterans alike.



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Julie Dunphy joined Starkey in March of 2006 and has served in several capacities including account executive, manager of customer service, and manager of training and technical support. Currently Dr. Dunphy is the territory manager for the West Central US. Prior to working at Starkey, she worked seven years in the VA hospital as an audiologist focusing on amplification as well as balance disorders. She received her Au.D. from the University of Florida in December 2003.

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Colleen Edwards joined Starkey Hearing Technologies in June 2013. Her current position at Starkey is that of Field Technology Specialist for Central Illinois and the Southern Missouri area. Prior to Starkey Hearing Technologies, Colleen practiced in the St. Louis area. Dr. Edwards maintains her Missouri hearing aid dispensing license first earned in 2011. She graduated from the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana, Illinois with a doctorate in Audiology.

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Casey joined Starkey Hearing Technologies in 2010 as the Government Sales Executive for the Southwest US. She received her Au.D. degree in 2002 from the University of Louisville. Prior to her tenure with Starkey, Dr. Ellis worked clinically in private practice and spent four years in the medical device industry. Dr. Ellis trained audiologists to work with patients suffering from tinnitus. She has spoken at local, state and regional meetings presenting information on digital amplification, tinnitus and other related hearing healthcare topics. Casey resides in Dallas TX with her husband and son.

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Dave Fabry is Vice President of Audiology and Professional Relations for Starkey Hearing Technologies. Appropriately, he received three degrees (BA., MA, and PhD) below zero from the University of Minnesota, prior to serving as Research Audiologist at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, and serving as Director of Audiology for Mayo Clinic and the University of Miami. Previously, he was Managing Director of Sales for Starkey. He lives in Eden Prairie with his wife Liz, and his daughter Loren will graduate from the University of Minnesota in 2014.

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Tony Farmer first joined Starkey Hearing Technologies in 2003. Since then, he has held several different positions within the Market Department Team, including Inside Sales, Outside Sales, and Starkey Hearing Alliance development. In his current position as Manager of the Network Development Group, he focuses on the growth and improvement of our Network programs and members. Tony received his Bachelor's degree from St. Edwards University in Austin, TX.

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Lauren joined Starkey Hearing Technologies in August of 20-11 as an Account Executive for the Workshop Marketing Team and at the beginning of 2014 transferred into the role of Inside Government Account Executive for the East Coast Territory. In her new role, Lauren strives to bring the significance and expertise of Starkey to the VA and other Government entities by supplying a superior product and to resonate that Hearing Is Our Concern. Through her journey at Starkey, she has had the opportunity to work with many different types of customers, which in turn has grown her



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awareness of how Starkey as a whole really takes pride in helping everyone. Lauren earned her B.A. in Communications from St. Cloud State University in 2004.

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Liz Finch, Au.D., is an audiologist and Field Technology Specialist for the New England area with Starkey Hearing Technologies. Prior to joining the Starkey team, Dr. Finch worked as an audiologist at a large HMO clinic and in an ENT office where she provided services for diagnostics, amplification, and balance assessment and treatment and directed the marketing efforts related to audiology. Dr. Finch completed her B.S. in Communication disorders at the University of Massachusetts, her M.S. in Audiology at Arizona State University, and obtained her Au.D. through Pennsylvania College of Optometry's School of Audiology (now Salus University). She is board certified by the American Board of Audiology, a fellow of the American Academy of Audiology and a certified member of the American Speech-Language and Hearing Association. Her interests remain with rehabilitation and amplification as well as assisting with business growth

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Jim Flannigan has 15 years of experience in the hearing healthcare industry. Since joining Starkey Hearing Technologies in 2010, Flannigan has worked as a Field Technology Specialist, where he prides himself on helping customers develop their business and attain practice goals. Throughout his career, Jim has spoken at numerous state and national conventions on many topics including hearing aid technology, verification and validation and various marketing topics.

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Skye Girardin is an International Mission Liaison for Starkey Hearing Foundation. He spends 275 days a year abroad, mostly in the Great Lakes region of East Africa, forging relationships and setting up hearing aid missions, as well as implementing the Starkey Hearing Foundation community-based AfterCare program. Girardin holds a B.A. from the University of California, Berkeley and an M.A. from Teachers College, Columbia University. He is interested in philanthropy, impact investing, corporate social responsibility, last mile health, sustainability and poverty alleviation strategies.

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Susan Good-Smith is Senior Director of the Starkey Medical Partner Network. She joined Starkey Hearing Technologies in 2003 and works as an expert in business development for retail, audiology and physician-based dispensing programs, currently overseeing Starkey's Medical Partner Network. She has extensive clinical, teaching and business practice management experience. Prior to her current position, she spent 10 years in clinical practice. Susan received her M.A. from Pennsylvania State University and her Au.D. from the University of Florida.

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Jessica Green graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in April 2006 with her Au.D. during this time she experienced a variety of audiology settings, including a VA hospital. Also during this time, she traveled twice to China in a visiting professor program to teach audiology to ENT students. After graduation, she practiced two years at the Baltimore VA where she established the Mid-Atlantic cochlear implant program. Dr. Green joined the Starkey Government Services team in July 2007, where she is a Government Sales Executive for the Eastern US. Currently, Dr. Green resides in the Baltimore, MD area.

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Judy joined Starkey in February 2010 as the regional account manager for AudioSync Northeast territory. She transferred to the position of education and training audiologist in May 2011. Before joining Starkey, she was the director of the audiology department at a large ENT practice in the Washington D.C. metro area. Dr. Grobstein has over 15 years of experience in the clinical setting. Her clinical experiences include hearing aid fittings, comprehensive diagnostic



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testing on adult and pediatric patients, vestibular testing, evoked potentials and otoacoustic emissions testing. She received both her bachelor of science degree in speech pathology and audiology and her master's degree in audiology from Kent State University in Ohio before going on to receive her doctorate in audiology through Arizona School of Health Sciences in 2007. Dr. Grobstein currently resides in Washington D.C.

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Keith Guggenberger has held both technical and management positions during his career at Starkey Hearing Technologies. Guggenberger leveraged his business and quality background into information technology and held the position of Vice President of Information Technology for three years before expanding to lead Operations. Today, he helps guide the company's Manufacturing, Materials, Quality, and Process initiatives. Guggenberger has a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Wisconsin-Stout in industrial technology.

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Andrea Hannan Dawkes joined Starkey Hearing Technologies as an Education and Training Audiologist in November 2010. Prior to joining Starkey, her career focused on providing clinical services in a variety of audiology settings. Her background also includes work in the area of hearing aid research. Dr. Hannan Dawkes' current responsibility include assisting in the development of educational materials, leading training classes and assisting with course offerings available through Audiology Online. She earned her Master of Arts in Audiology from the University of Maryland at College Park and her Doctor of Audiology degree from the Arizona School of Health Sciences.

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Todd Hedberg, MBA, is the Digital Marketing Manager for the Exclusive Networks at Starkey Hearing Technologies. During his decade of experience in the hearing industry, Hedberg has dedicated himself to helping hearing professionals and practice owners seize the greatest possible retail marketing opportunities to build their businesses. He holds a Master of Business Administration from the University of St. Thomas and a Bachelor of Arts from Gustavus Adolphus College.

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Jim has spent the past 30 years in this profession beginning at the Portland VA Medical Centers National Auditory Research Laboratory. His next position was at East Portland ENT Clinic where he was director of Audiology and hearing Aids for more than 14 years. In 2000 he joined Starkey as the Northwest Outside Representative and became the NW Managing Director in 2008. He took the role of Western US Sales Manager in 2011, which is his current position. He has served as the President of the Oregon Hearing Society, served on the Governor's Board for Hearing in Oregon and served on the Tristate (OR, WA, ID) Board of Governors.

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Sarah Lewandowski joined Starkey Hearing Technologies in 2013. Her current position at Starkey is that of Education and Training Audiologist for the CO, UT, WY, MT, ID, OR and WA area. Prior to Starkey Hearing Technologies, Dr. Lewandowski worked at Denver Ear Associates in Colorado where she obtained extensive experience in diagnostic audiological evaluations, fitting hearing aids, surgical nerve monitoring and assessing balance disorders. Dr. Lewandowski graduated from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign with a Doctorate in Audiology in 2011. She holds a Certificate of Clinical Competence through American Speech, Language and Hearing Association and is a fellow of the American Academy of Audiology and Colorado Academy of Audiology.

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John Norling has been in the hearing industry for 13 years and has been in his current roll of Territory Account Manager for Northern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin for just over a year and a half. He is responsible for cultivating new business by developing marketing strategies for accounts and helping them to execute sound business practices. He received his B.S. in Psychology from Bemidji State University.

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Gregory Smith has been with Starkey Hearing Technologies since 2011 and serves as the Field Technology Specialist in Ohio. Prior to joining Starkey, he established and managed the Adult Hearing Aid Dispensing Program at the UNC Hospitals Hearing and Voice Center at Carolina Pointe in Chapel Hill, NC. Smith started his career as a clinical audiologist at Mayo clinic in Rochester, MN. Originally, he was hired as a clinical fellow at Mayo clinic and went on to specialize in the diagnosis and treatment of vestibular disorders. Smith received his master's degree in Audiology and his bachelor's degree in Speech and Hearing Science from the University of Iowa.

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Lynn Stephenson earned her M.A. in Audiology in 1993 and then went on to complete her Ph.D. in Speech & Hearing Science from the University of Tennessee in 2000. With over 20 years experience in the field of Audiology, Dr. Stephenson has worked in large hospitals, multiple physician ENT practices and taught at the university level. Her primary interests are amplification and use of assistive listening devices. Dr. Stephenson has presented many technical and practical presentations at national and state meetings. She joined the Starkey Hearing Technologies family in November 2010 as a Field Sales Executive.

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As Senior Director of Government and Contract Services for Starkey hearing Technologies, Thomas oversees all business activities related to Starkey's federal and commercial contracts and state funded business. In addition, he manages development and sales of Starkey's non-clinical consumer products including electronic hearing protection and in-ear-monitors. Thomas has been with Starkey since 2002 and has worked in the hearing industry since 1995 in sales, management and product development capacities. Thomas earned a Bachelor's degree in Communicative Disorders and Master's degree in Audiology from the University of Akron.

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Kimberly Toppel currently holds the position of Regional Sales Manager for the East Coast with Starkey Hearing Technologies. Dr. Toppel has worked with Starkey for over 8 years within the sales department and has 16 years of hearing industry experience. Previous to her role at Starkey, she worked in a multi-office private practice owner with offices in various states. Dr. Toppel also held a clinical Supervisor position with the University of Louisville's Au.D. Program. She earned a Master's degree from Auburn University and her Au.D. from Pennsylvania college of Optometry's Audiology Program. Dr. Toppel's experience covers many aspects of the hearing industry including product training, business development and management, marketing and comprehensive diagnostic audiology and hearing aid services.

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Dennis Van Vliet, Au.D., an audiologist since 1976, has provided clinical services in medical, educational and private practice settings. His professional interests have focused on hearing aids, and his opinions are frequently solicited in US and international publications and lectures. Dr. Van Vliet earned a B.S. from the University of California, Irvine, his master's in Speech Communication from California State University and an Au.D. from Central Michigan University. His opinions are expressed monthly in the "Final Word" feature of the Hearing Review. Dr. Van Vliet is the Senior Director of Professional Relations for Starkey Hearing Technologies.

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Rob, a Senior Government Services Account Executive, has been working at Starkey for over 7 years. He is responsible for the account management of all VA Medical Centers, Indian Health Centers and Military Medical Facilities in the Northwest US. The thing he likes most about his job is the opportunity to help hearing professionals who give the gift of better hearing to our service members. Zimmer holds a bachelor's degree in Communications from St. Cloud State University.

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This course has been pre-registered to the following national CEU boards.

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ASHA



**Starkey Hearing Technologies** is approved by the Continuing Education Board of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) to provide continuing education activities in speech-language pathology and audiology. **See course information for number of ASHA CEUs, instructional level and content area.** ASHA CE Provider approval does not imply endorsement of course content, specific products or clinical procedures.

This course is offered for 0.2 ASHA CEUs (Intermediate Level, Professional Area)

I.H.S.



This program is approved by the International Hearing Society and its educational committee, the International Institute for Hearing Instruments Studies.

AAA



This course is offered for 0.2 AAA CEUs.

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