

Bone conduction hearing devices and the private practice audiologist

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Objectives: Encourage audiologists in private practice to incorporate non-surgical bone conduction hearing devices into routine clinical practice.

Background: Clients with conductive hearing loss or SSD who do not wish to pursue a surgical bone conduction hearing device option may benefit from non surgical options including ADHEAR

Methods: Experience with 32 clients-18 conductive and 14 SSD fit with ADHEAR at Hear2Understand Audiology Services in Saskatoon since June 2018 will be presented. Quantitative and qualitative measures will be included in the presentation.

Results: 32 clients fit with ADHEAR at Hear2Understand Audiology Services in Saskatoon since June 2018 have demonstrated benefit related to audiological outcomes, qualitative measures and subjective report. All clients continue to be regular device users.

Conclusions: Non surgical bone conduction hearing device options including ADHEAR should be routinely offered as options for clients with conductive hearing loss and SSD.