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<p>BTE (Behind-the-Ear)</p> 	<p>BTE is a common hearing aid size. BTEs also tend to have control options on them such as a volume control, telephone switch, and program switch. BTEs supply the most power or amplification. Battery Sizes are 13, 312, or 675. BTEs may be fit with an ear mold or with an open or closed dome. BTEs can fit a mild to severe or profound hearing loss.</p>	 <p>Closed Fitting with Thin Tube and Closed Dome</p>	<p>Domes- Universally fitting. Closed fit domes, sit down in the ear canal and help trap sound in the ear canal. This type of dome is typically used when more power is needed. There are no air vents in a closed dome which may prevent feedback or whistling.</p>  <p>Example of CLOSED DOME</p>
<p>MINI BTE</p> 	<p>Mini-BTEs are smaller than your standard size BTE's and are more cosmetically appealing. The number of controls on Mini-BTE's is typically limited by its small size. Most have either a program button or volume control. Battery sizes are usually 13 or 312 size. Mini-BTEs are fit with an earmold or open or closed domes. Mini-BTEs can fit hearing losses that are mild to severe, but not profound.</p>	 <p>Closed Fitting with Mold and Regular Tubing</p>	<p>Molds- Are custom made to the individual by a licensed hearing care professional. Useful when universal domes do not trap enough sound in the ear canal. For individuals with more severe hearing loss or with excessive feedback. Vent size is determined by the professional.</p>  <p>Example of an EAR MOLD</p>
<p>OTE (Over-the-Ear)</p> 	<p>OTEs are considered the smallest and least visible hearing aids. They sit behind the ear and offer less power than a BTE or Mini-BTE. They do not have controls and are completely automatic. Battery sizes are 312 and 10. They are fit with open or closed domes and rarely with an earmold. OTEs are capable of fitting mild to moderate hearing losses.</p>	 <p>Open Fitting with Thin Tube and Open Dome</p>	<p>Domes- Universal fitting. Open fit domes; sit down in the ear canal. Allow for sounds that are not amplified by the hearing aid to also naturally enter. Open domes utilize a very large vent.</p>  <p>Example of OPEN DOME</p>