Audiological management of adults with severe and profound hearing loss
Guidelines for best practice

Mild to moderate hearing loss:
widely understood

Severe and profound hearing loss:
little guidance available

Definition:
Severe hearing loss: average 61 - 80 dB HL
Profound hearing loss: average > 81 dB HL

Counseling on continuum of hearing technologies
These conversations are vital to understanding that hearing aids need not be the final stop on their hearing journey.

Extra consideration when selecting and fitting hearing aids
In order to maintain audibility and support aided speech recognition, fitting approaches beyond the standard ‘initial fit’ are required.

Immediate consideration of remote microphones
Remote microphone technology should be considered at the same time as selection of hearing aids and/or cochlear implants.

Communication training and strategies
Beyond hearing technology, communication abilities can be enhanced with auditory skills training and communication strategies.

Early focus on tinnitus
Approximately 50% of these individuals report tinnitus and addressing the hearing loss is the starting point for treatment.

Successfully managing these complex needs requires ongoing professional development of skills which support your client’s well-being, with:

1. Continued hearing device optimization and maintenance
2. Self-management strategies
3. Counseling and support
4. Referral onward when appropriate

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