

## meet our audiologists



**Ken Stallons, MS, FAAA**  
*Certified Audiologist*

Ken Stallons, MS, FAAA attended the University of South Dakota, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and Accounting. He also attended

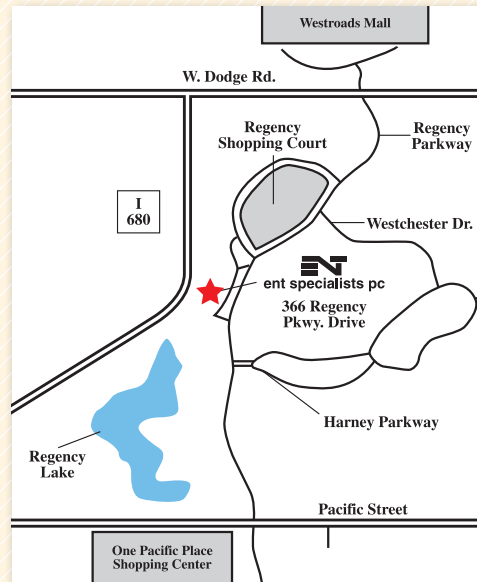
Southern Illinois University, receiving a Masters in Communication Disorders and Audiology. Ken is a board-certified audiologist, serving as a Fellow of the American Academy of Audiology as well as a member of the Nebraska Hearing Society. Ken currently sits on the Board of the Nebraska Hearing Society and served as Past Board Member of the Iowa Hearing Aid Society. He has been working in the hearing healthcare field since February 1984.



**Misty Mueller, MS, CCC-A**  
*Certified Audiologist*

Misty Mueller, MS, CCC-A attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where she received both her Bachelor of Science in Education and Master of Science in Audiology degrees.

Misty is a board certified audiologist with the American Speech and Hearing Society (ASHA) and is also a current member of the Nebraska Hearing Society. Misty joined ENT Specialists, PC in 2006. Prior to this, Misty was an audiologist at an ENT practice in Colorado.



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# impact of hearing loss

The impact of hearing loss goes far beyond that of basic communication. As something we often take for granted, we don't always realize how difficult life can be with impaired hearing. The effects are quite far reaching, though, and can be detrimental to a person's well being.

## Social Well Being

Hearing loss can cause a great deal of strain with friends and family members, as the ability to have a normal, healthy relationship with them becomes more difficult. It is also increasingly difficult to have long distance contacts through the telephone, limiting a vital means of communication.

## Physical Well Being

The physical well being of people with hearing loss can be greatly jeopardized. Hearing loss can interfere with medical diagnosis, treatment and management, which presents a clear danger to the health of that person.

## Emotional Well Being

Hearing loss can complicate the ability to live independently and safely, which can make someone feel

like a hindrance to others. Also, work efficiency can be complicated, leading to a feeling of inadequacy in the workplace.

# what is hearing loss

Normal hearing depends upon the proper function of literally millions of structures and processes every second. Occasionally one or more structures within the auditory system fail and result in hearing loss and speech understanding problems.

Approximately 1 out of every 10 people suffers from some degree of hearing loss. This can be caused by a wide variety of things, including: aging, noise exposure, heredity, ear infections, viral infections, head trauma, and certain medical treatments and antibiotics.

As with most other health problems, early detection allows for more effective intervention. In some cases, hearing loss is medically treatable and may be improved. Typically, hearing loss is permanent, but modern hearing aid technology is able to increase the ability and range of hearing in most people.



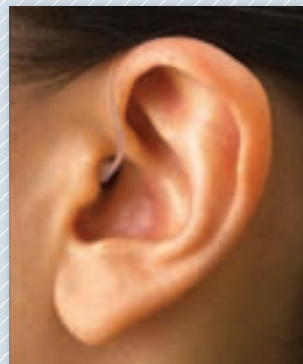
# what ENT audiology can do to help

We are proud to employ two board-certified audiologists, Ken Stallons, MS, FAAA and Misty Mueller, MS, CCC-A. We provide comprehensive audiology services including hearing tests in adults and children. We provide VNG/ENG testing for balance disorders.

If your physician diagnoses a hearing loss, a hearing consultation is recommended and will help to determine whether improved hearing will be best achieved thru hearing aids, assisted listening devices or modifying your listening situations. We maintain state-of-the-art diagnostic equipment, sound treated rooms, computerized fitting software, and verification tools. We offer real ear measurement, visible speech, video otoscopy, and custom ear protection.

Our hearing aid services include the following:

- Free 60 day trial period
- Multi-year warranty
- Complete line of digital hearing aids
- Batteries and accessories
- Service and repair
- Financing available
- Insurance accepted
- All major credit cards accepted
- 5% cash discount



## Hearing Aid Options

ENT Specialists, PC uses hearing aid products from Starkey and ReSound Manufacturers. For more hearing aid product information, please visit the following websites: [www.gnresound.com](http://www.gnresound.com) and [www.starkey.com](http://www.starkey.com). For additional information on our custom ear plugs, visit [www.westone.com](http://www.westone.com), and **for more information on our audiology services, visit [www.omahaent.com](http://www.omahaent.com).**