



Dr. Jace Wolfe - Take Five

Dr. Teresa Caraway: When we say "Take five" what does that mean to you?

Dr. Jace Wolfe: Well, what that means is that when we fit hearing aids, we can do a little test where we place a microphone in the ear and we can read the volume, or the output level, of that hearing aid. We have prescriptions, or prescriptive targets that show where that volume or that output should be on a computer screen. The goal is to make sure that the volume or the output level in decibels is no more than five decibels away from those prescriptive targets. There's research that shows that when hearing aids are fitted to prescriptive targets, speech and language is far better than it is if the hearing aids are not fitted to the research based or evidence based prescription.

Dr. Teresa Caraway: Okay, so every DB counts.

Dr. Jace Wolfe: Every DB counts.

Dr. Teresa Caraway: Take five, and that's what important.

Dr. Jace Wolfe: Yeah, no more than a five decibel error.

Dr. Teresa Caraway: That's awesome. Because we want that little brain to have access to all the sounds of speech.

Dr. Jace Wolfe: That's exactly right.