



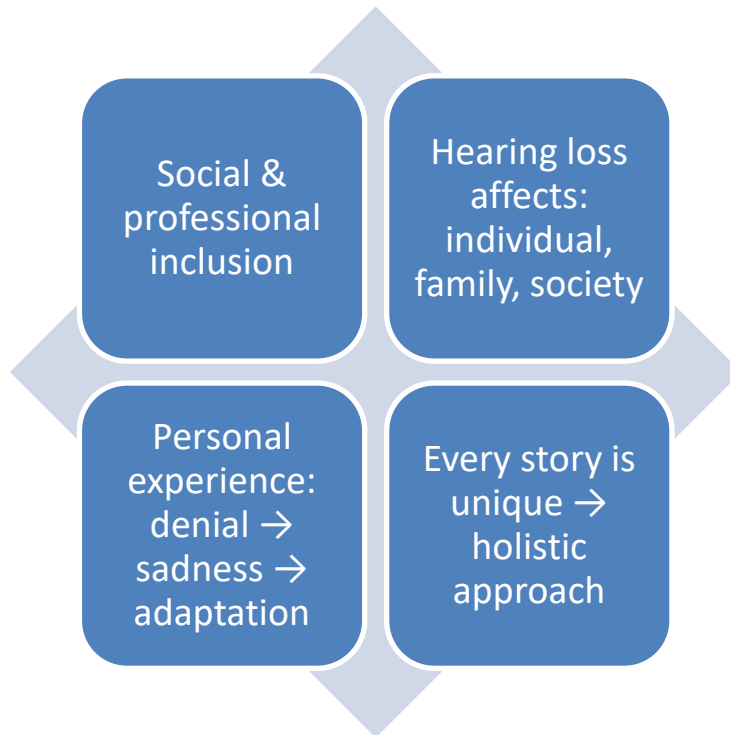
Stereo Hearing – From Magic to Mastery

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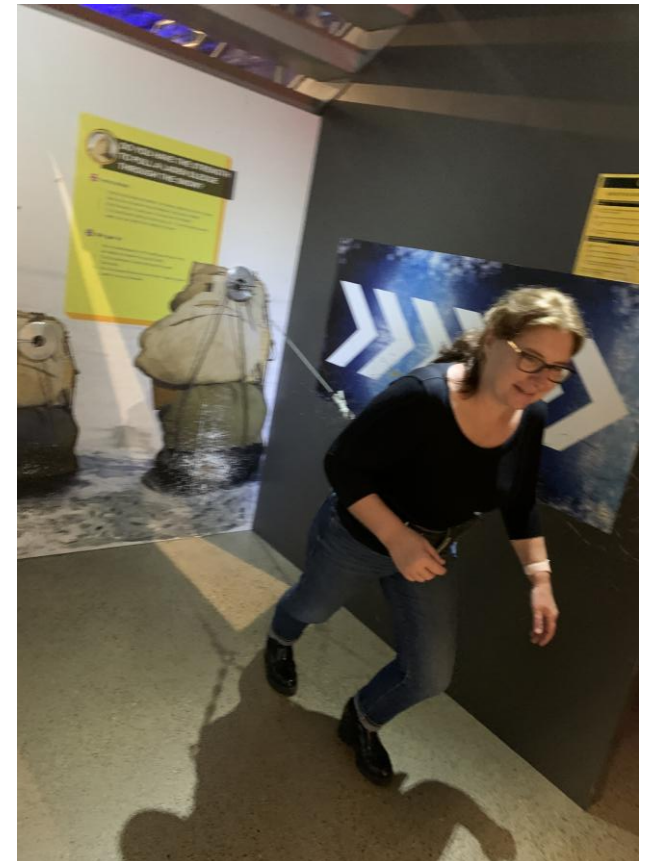
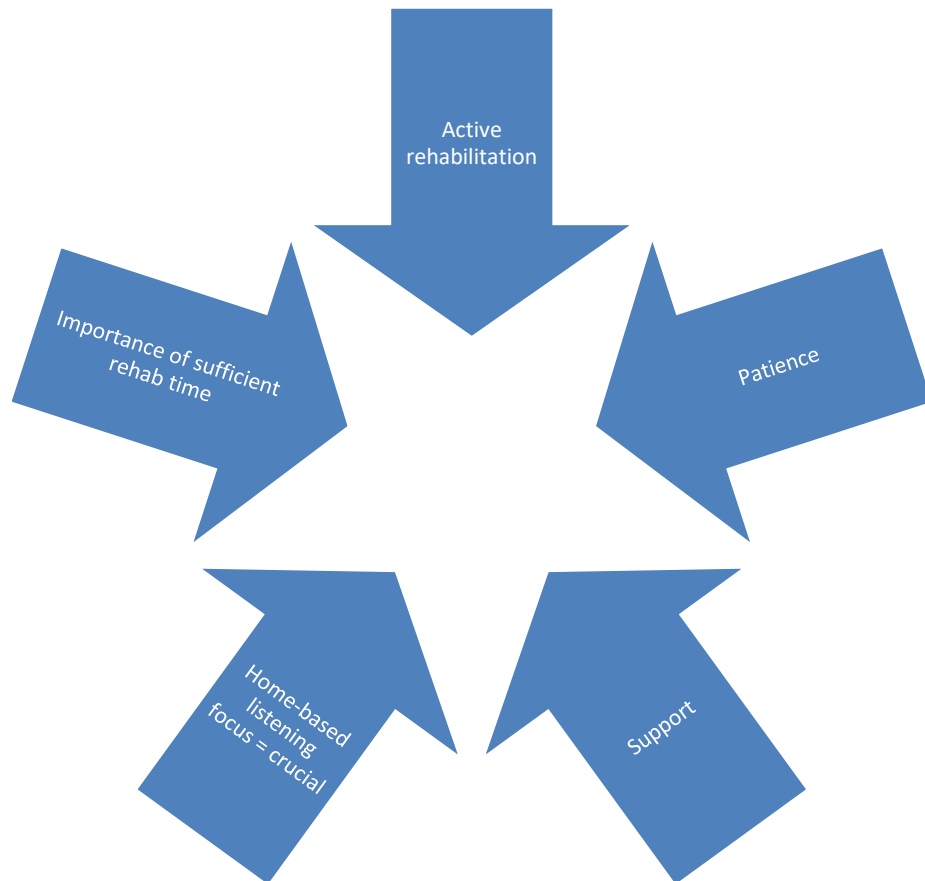


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Hearing = life around us



A New Life



Forgot that I am deaf



Initially hesitant!
One enough?



Stereo hearing benefits:

- better listening
- reduced tension
- reduced neck pain
- enhanced spatial orientation



Life gains new
dimension!

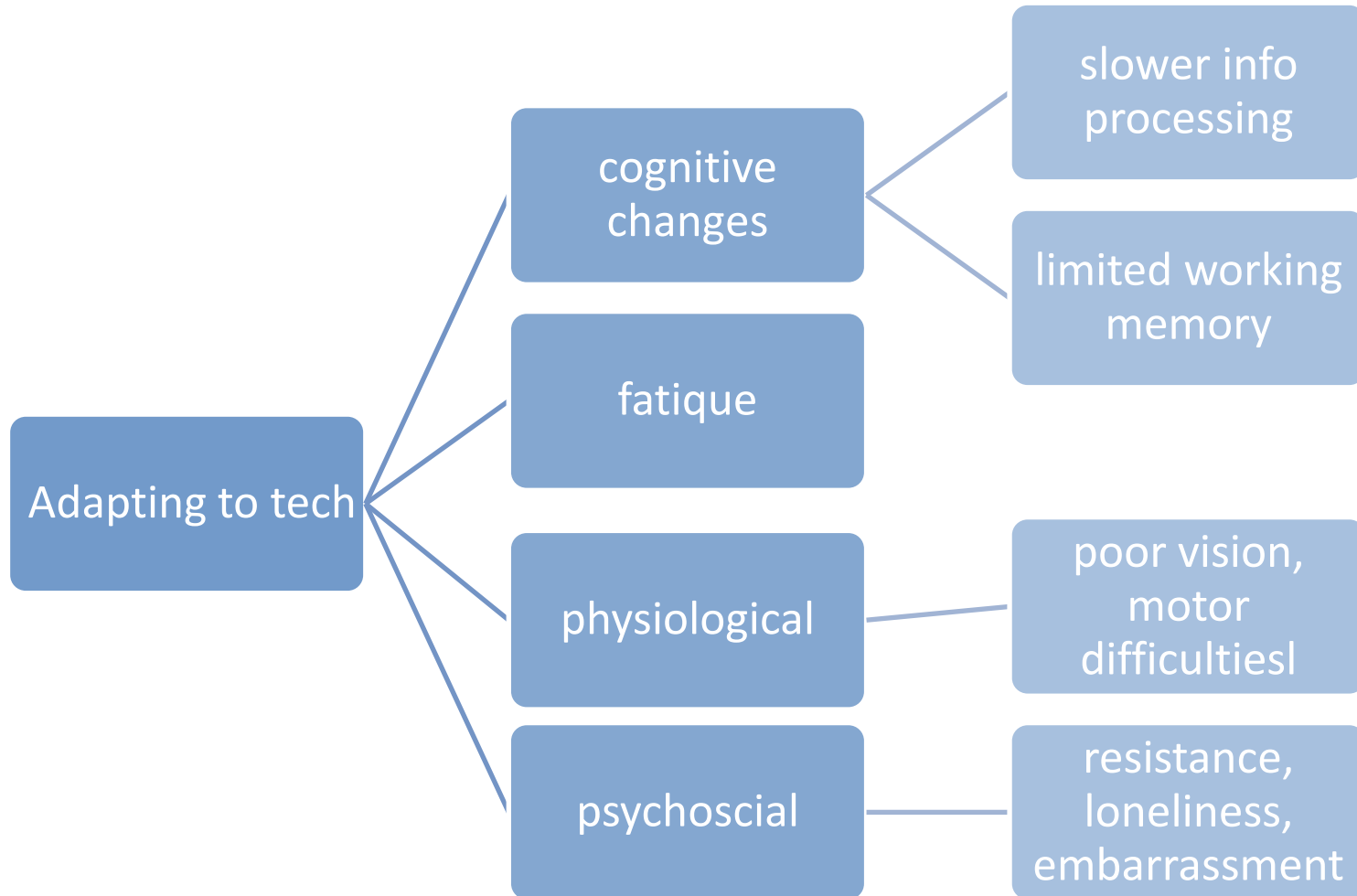


Impact on Family & Society

Hearing affects more
than individual →
inclusion improves
quality of life

Decision-makers
sometimes
underestimate need
for stereo hearing

Challenges for Older Adults



A collection of old, tangled electronic devices and cables on a white surface. The items include a black power adapter with a coiled black cable, a white power adapter, a white multi-port USB hub, a small black device with a red string, a circular white device with a colorful musical note pattern, and a white handheld device with a screen showing a large 'X' and a battery icon. The text 'Simple, yet complicated – especially with age.' is overlaid on the right side of the image.

Simple, yet
complicated
– especially
with age.

Lost, misplaced, or
out of battery

Strategies & Education



Practical strategies

- Simple apps, clear instructions, and daily routines
- Support between generations and help from mentors
- Add new features slowly and celebrate small successes



Importance of staff education

- device handling,
- troubleshooting,
- support



Gap in education

- hearing loss and device lessons to school programs



Conclusion

Bilateral implantation = natural stereo hearing → better daily functioning

Challenges remain: longlife learning, scares what if ..

Empathy and understanding are key

Everyone has limits ... so improve circumstances and enjoy life

Thank you for
your attention!

