



SoundBites Podcast Transcript

Episode: Pilot

Hi there. I'm Dave Fabry, Chief Innovation Officer at Starkey, and now the host of our new podcast, Starkey Sound Bites. I've spent my career in the hearing healthcare space. I first wanted to become an audiologist because I had experiences with individuals, family members who had hearing loss and realized how disconnected they felt from the world when they began to experience early symptoms related to their hearing loss.

I have three degrees below zero at the University of Minnesota. I achieved my Bachelor's Masters in PhD in hearing science and audiology, and then spent the early part of my career in academic clinical and medical environments, working at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Mayo Clinic in the sunny Southeastern tropical portion of the State of Minnesota. And then I did a brief stint in the tropics down at the University of Miami Medical Center. I joined Starkey in 2009 where I now serve as Chief Innovation Officer working to help develop the new and emerging technology to meet the needs or exceed the needs of those with hearing loss. But then I also get to talk and work with patients and hearing care professionals, audiologists, and dispensers who provide the gift of hearing to those with hearing loss.

I'm excited for the conversations that we'll be having on this podcast. My dad used to say, "You have two ears and one mouth", and I'll try to use those in proportion to the way that they exist on my body to really absorb what our experts at Starkey and also within the profession have to share about hearing and balance loss and my favorite topic, new technologies that are designed to change hearing aids from single purpose devices, into multipurpose multifunction ones.

We'll also be talking about new studies related to hearing and balance, new research and the ways that hearing aids now enable you to connect directly to your Android or iPhone to listen to podcasts like this, stream videos and music, and really transform hearing aids into something that instead of people feeling like they have to wear, that they want to have.

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