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ADVANCED FEATURES

Because today's more advanced hearing instruments contain microchips, they can be expected to perform many of the operations found in other computer-driven devices. For instance, just as activity trackers worn on the wrist can keep track of how many steps we take throughout the day, hearing instruments with self-learning features can remember the volume and program preferences used in specific listening environments. Users can then train their hearing instruments to "learn" to use these preferred settings by pushing a button on the instrument or using the remote control. Over time, the hearing instrument will eventually learn to turn on the preferred setting as needed. For instance, the hearing instrument may turn to a lower volume setting in the morning.

TIP OF THE WEEK

Hearing instruments have become so sophisticated that some of them can be controlled directly from an IPhone.

P.S. Hearing instruments with "data logging" features can internally record the number of hours that hearing instruments are being used, which programs are used, and how often and how much the volume is increased or decreased.

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