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### How do we wish to fit hearing instruments in the future?

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REM is still considered the "gold standard" in hearing instrument fitting. In this procedure, gain values are calculated on the basis of the sound audiogram, and adjusted based on REM measurement.

In practice, however, other methods are frequently used when this gold standard does not produce the results desired.

Often a question-and-answer scenario is applied – the customer is asked questions so as to make the settings seem sufficient. In continuation of this idea and in view of the AI used by the manufacturers, I assume that this question-and-answer scenario also leads to good results without a hearing aid acoustician being involved. The development we can observe in the USA, i.e. self-fitting (OTC) hearing systems, drives this trend.

Against this background, I should like to give impulses, report on the current trends in hearing aid fitting, and provide you with professional and scientifically proven methods and tools that you can use to do more than just ask your customer, "Is that comfortable for you?"