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Save the date:

November 6th, 2026

**The Inaugural Convention
of the Association of
Virginia Audiologists** will be
held in conjunction with the
Ruth Symposium at James
Madison University

Audiology News:

Listen Up!

*“Led by ADA with support from WSA,
Listen Up advances new guidance calling
on adults to get their hearing screened
beginning at age 50, establish a
baseline, and connect with a local
audiologist when concerns arise.”*

visit audiology.org for more information

After months of work, we have
submitted the application to
obtain federal non-profit

status, so the donations can be tax deductible. We are also
planning on vetting several Lobbyists in the near future, so
advocacy work can continue while we all are busy seeing
patients in our offices! If your time is limited, consider donating
money to AVA, so advocacy can be done on your behalf.

To learn more about making a donation visit:

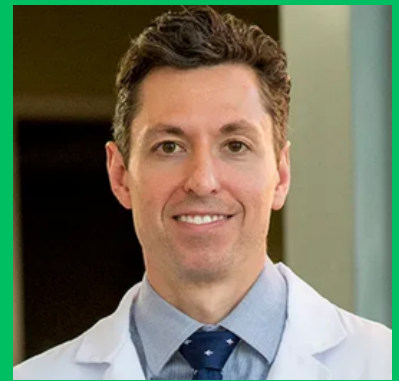
<https://avaaudiologists.org/donate/>

OUR PURPOSE AND PROGRESS

Insights from the Board of Directors



Setting the stage to modernize Virginia's audiology licensure statutes and regulations will be one of AVA's primary priorities in the coming year. Although the profession has advanced, many of the laws governing audiology remain outdated.



Nathan Michalak, Au.D.
AVA President-Elect

AVA will pursue updates that reflect the education, training, and expertise of today's audiologists.

Priorities include clarifying our role in evaluating and managing hearing and balance disorders, supporting contemporary standards of care, and examining duplicative dual-licensure requirements for dispensing audiologists.

Virginia law should also support clinically appropriate screenings such as cognition, vision, and dexterity when making individualized hearing technology recommendations, as recognized by the new 2026 hearing aid CPT codes.

These changes will strengthen the foundation for broader recognition and reimbursement of the clinical decision-making, care planning, outcome monitoring, and referral coordination services audiologists already provide.

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