



Aquaris Helps Joshua Stubblefield Play More Sports with Less Worry

Eleven-year-old Joshua Stubblefield has been wearing hearing aids for most of his life. When he needed something new, his audiologist recommended Siemens' waterproof and dustproof Aquaris™ to match his active lifestyle. With Aquaris, Josh can play baseball and basketball without worrying about water and dirt ruining his hearing aids.



Joshua Stubblefield didn't perform well on his newborn hearing screening. He did a bit better after six months. As he grew and started talking, however, his parents noticed that he was having trouble with the clarity of his speech. Finally, one day when his mother was talking to him, Josh turned his mother's head so he could read her lips, and the family from Knoxville, Tennessee knew it was time to get help.

The Stubblefields were fortunate to work with Dr. Jan Dungan with Appalachian Audiology to find the right hearing solution for Josh. Dr. Dungan's perspective proved valuable in helping the family recognize and adjust to Josh's needs. "When you go through the process with the parents you want to ensure you're there when they need you, but you are working to make the parents as strong as they need to be to handle the bumps," Dr. Dungan says. With her help, Josh was fitted for his first hearing aids; they also began to use allergy medication to

control fluid buildup in his ears. In addition to becoming accustomed to the hearing aids, Josh had to overcome his nervousness about his appearance, and he soon felt more comfortable wearing them.

Then, an unexpected opportunity to try something new came. Josh's family was dog-sitting for friends and the dog destroyed his hearing aids. That was when they learned about [Aquaris hearing aids from Siemens](#). Waterproof, dustproof, shock-resistant hearing aids were appealing to Josh. As an active boy, he loves sports—especially baseball. Being able to slide into home without worrying about losing his hearing aids or getting them dirty meant living with fewer limits. He could play basketball without fear of moisture or sweat damaging them.

Josh immediately enjoyed the smaller size of the Aquaris hearing aids. The size helps him feel less self-conscious than others he has



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worn. He also feels his hearing is better in a variety of environments—in noisy classrooms, on the basketball court, and on the baseball field. After using the earhook option for a year, Josh tried the LifeTube configuration, which he likes even better because they make the hearing aids less visible.

He also enjoys using the [miniTek™ Bluetooth® wireless remote and streamer](#) to control his hearing aids and even stream music from his MP3 player directly into his hearing aids with no delay.

By working together with a caring, knowledgeable audiologist, and taking

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advantage of Siemens advanced technology, Josh Stubblefield enjoys better hearing and a better quality of life than he did with previous hearing aids. As an 11-year-old student, he now worries less about how he is hearing and focuses more on what he hears.