

Forms of payment accepted by the Centers' Audiology Clinic

Private pay You may make direct payment to Franziska Racker Centers for audiology services. If desired, we will establish a payment plan with you.

Insurance Coverage Franziska Racker Centers is a preferred provider for numerous insurance plans throughout our region. We are also a Medicaid provider. Other third party payment plans may also apply.

Physician referral may be required depending on your insurance requirements. Insurance companies can provide information regarding referral requirements and limits of coverage.

Special programs As a Speech and Hearing Center, the audiology clinic at Franziska Racker Centers affords qualified individuals the opportunity to receive funding assistance through a variety of infant/child and adult programs for those with special needs.

Find out more

Contact us To learn more about the Audiology program at Franziska Racker Centers contact:

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Audiology Clinic



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Facts About Hearing Loss

Hearing loss is one of the most prevalent chronic conditions in the United States. Hearing loss affects approximately 11 million baby boomers and more than 9 million Americans over the age of 65. Three out of five older Americans with hearing loss and six out of seven middle-aged Americans with hearing loss do not use hearing aids.



Those who DO NOT use hearing aids report:*

- Sadness and depression
- Worry and anxiety
- Paranoia
- Less social activity
- Emotional turmoil

How hearing loss limits our lives

Hearing loss separates us from:

- Our sound environment
- Our loved ones
- The music we love
- Those who hear well

Benefits of treatment

Most people report significant improvements in the quality of their lives when they begin to use hearing aids. They report:*

- Better relationships with family
- Better feelings about themselves
- Improvements in self-confidence
- Improved mental health
- Greater independence

*From a major study by the National Council on the Aging

Why Choose Franziska Racker Center For Your Hearing Needs?

Community based services

Good hearing can be integral to your goals for a happy and involved life. Franziska Racker Centers is a nonprofit agency that has helped individuals in our community achieve their goals for success and happiness for more



than half a century. Our Audiology Program responds to the needs and requests of individuals within our diverse population and is the only nonprofit audiology service in the area.



Comprehensive professional services Our clinic offers evaluation testing, hearing aid sales, and cleaning and repairs. Hearing aid purchases include an optional service to provide your batteries, cleaning and adjustments as needed. Dr. Monica Brace,

AuD, FAAA, is a New York State Licensed Audiologist and Hearing Aid Dispenser, and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Audiology. Dr. Brace combines

significant medical, pediatric, hearing aid and private practice audiology experience with the commitment to meeting your needs that typifies Franziska Racker Centers professionals.



Who We Serve

All people of all ages

The audiology clinic is open to the public and serves the general population—from infants to adults.



Infant/Child programs Franziska Racker Centers is recognized by New York State as a Speech and Hearing Specialty Center. As such, we are an approved evaluator for area early intervention, preschool, and school-age programs, with services provided through the Early Intervention Program, the Committee on Preschool Special Education and the Committee on Special Education. We are available to local school districts for educational audiology services, including the fitting and continued monitoring of equipment for students needing educational amplification. Upon request,

we may provide in-services to schools regarding use of FM systems, or provide consultation on specific issues.



Where We Are Located



Find us in the Signworks Building at 1001 West Seneca Street in Ithaca's West End. Enter at the west end entrance at the far end of the building.