

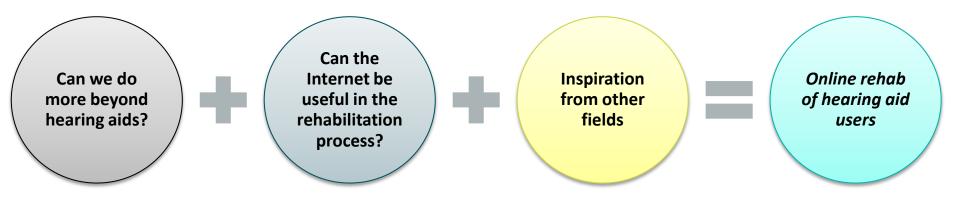
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Introduction



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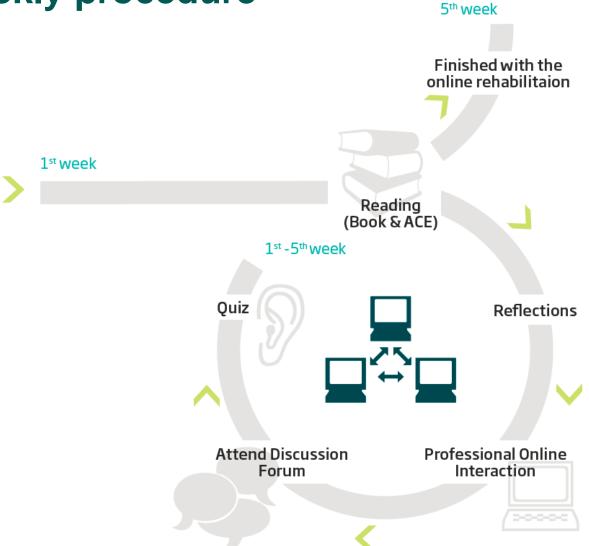


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Weekly procedure

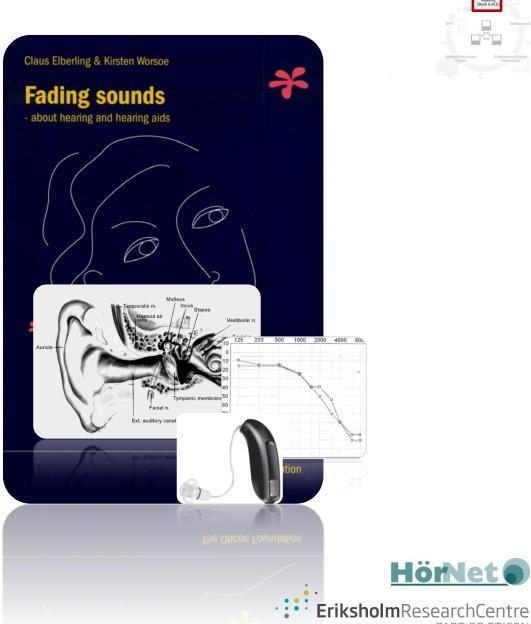






Get to know

the hearing sense your audiogram your hearing aids





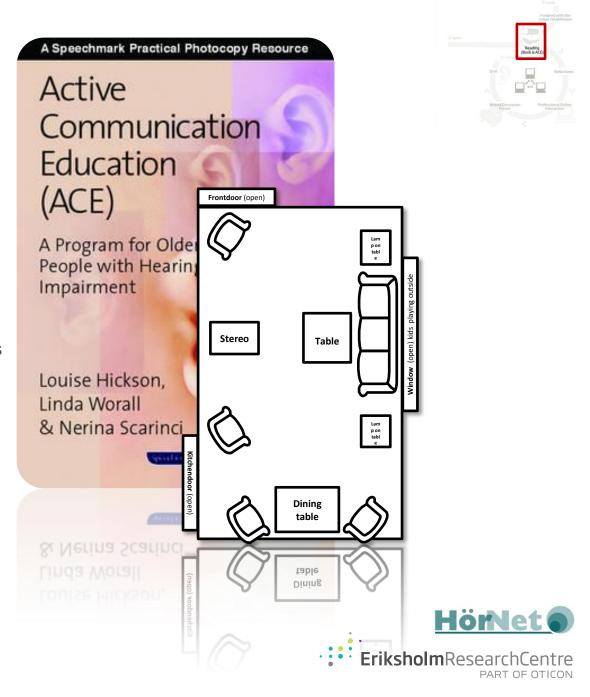
Try out

Directional hearing
Specific sounds, e.g. birds
Compare un/aided
Noisy environments



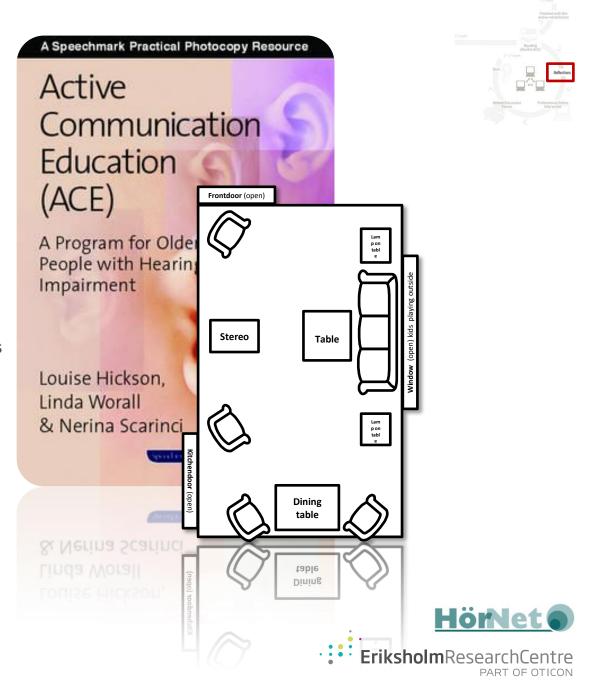
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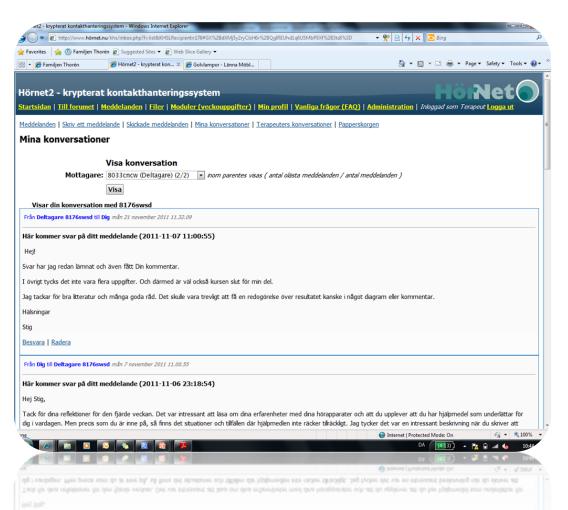


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- Personal counseling from audiologist
- Hints and tips related to the weekly reflections

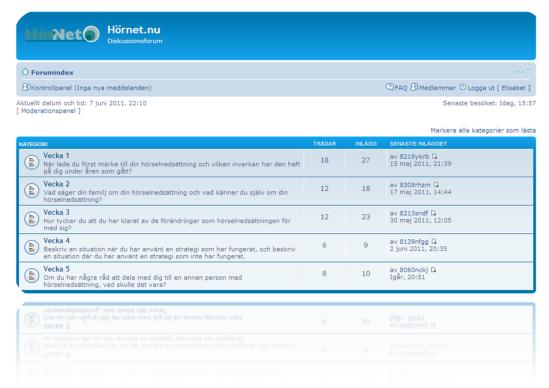




Discussion forum

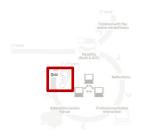
Weekly topics

Your hearing loss
Reactions about your hearing loss
Coping with the hearing loss
Describe un/useful strategies
Sharing advice





Weekly assignments - Quiz



1. Inom vilket frekvensområde uppfattar människan ljud?

1. 100 - 8000 Hz

X. 10 - 10 000 Hz

2. 20 - 20 000 Hz

Antalet svängningar per sekund kallas frekvens och anges i Hertz (Hz). Vi säger därför att människans hörsel ligger i frekvensområdet från 20 – 20 000 Hz. Vanligt tal ligger däremot frekvensområdet 100 – 8000 Hz. Även om människans hörbara frekvensområde är från 20 20 000 Hz kan vi dock inte alltid höra alla ljud.

2. Vad undersöker man vid otoskopi?

- 1. Hörselsnäckan
- X. Trumhinnan

Hos de flesta människor kan man med hjälp av en liten örontratt räta ut hörselgången för att se in på trumhinnan och härigenom undersöka om den är normal.

3. Vilka ben ingår i benkedjan i mellanörat?

- 1. Hammaren, städet och sadeln
- X. Hammaren, städet och stigbygeln 2. Stigbygeln, städet och gångjärnet

UVERKURS

I mellanörat finns en benkedja som består av kroppens tre minsta ben: hammaren, städet

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Lindhammaren, städet

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- Password to the next module
- Stimulate active participation



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2 RCT

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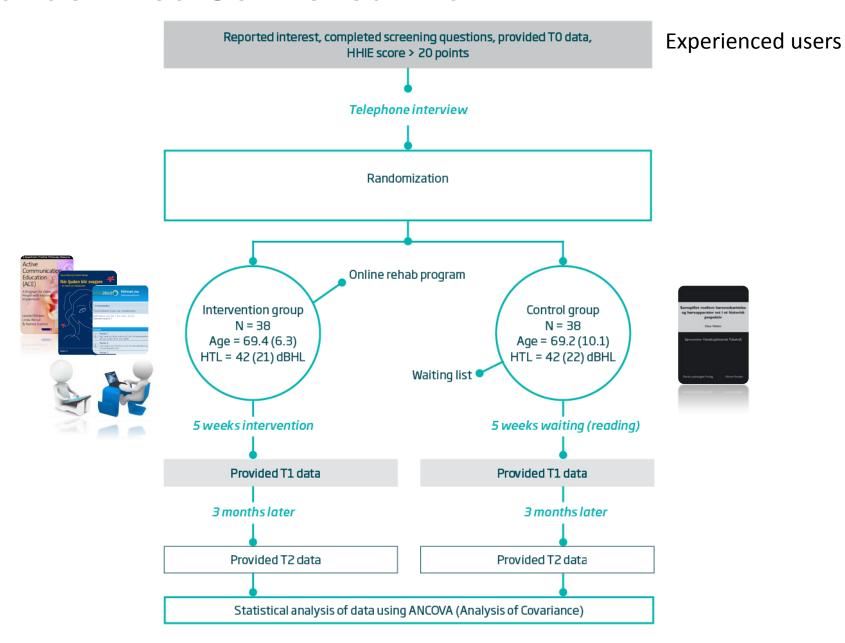
This study



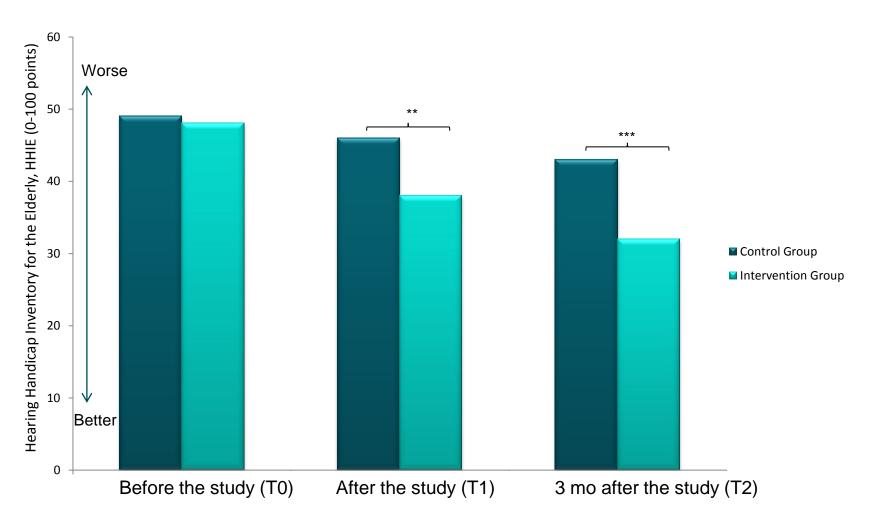




Randomized Controlled Trial

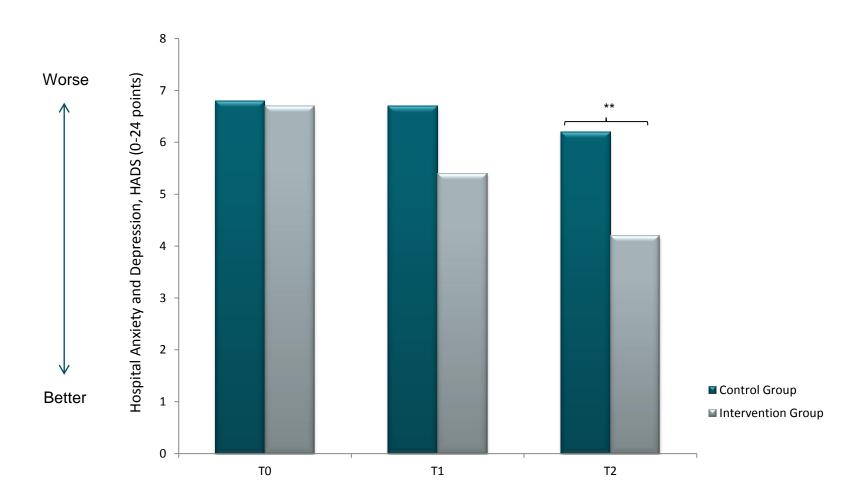


Hearing Handicap Inventory for the Elderly, HHIE



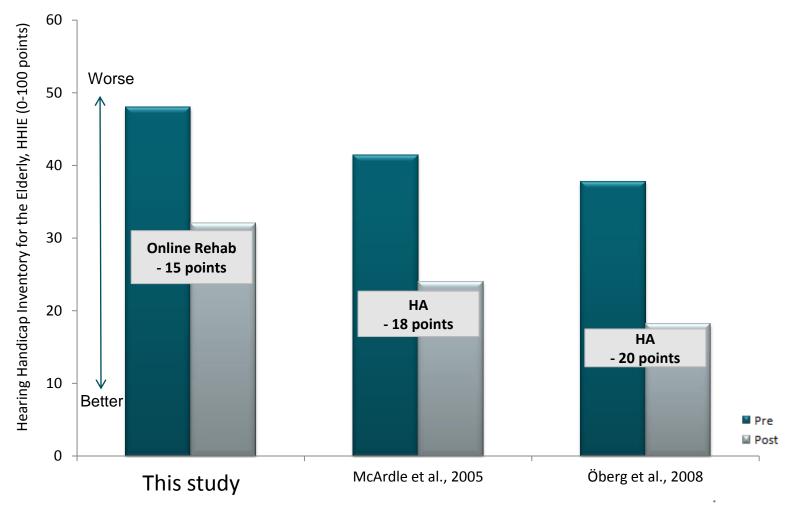


Hospital Anxiety and Depression scale, HADS





Intervention effects – comparing across studies Online rehab compared to HA fitting



Quotes from interviews after the study

New knowledge

"...some things I experienced as positive in this (course)... hearing is not only to recognize sounds, there might also be underlying causes, involving the brain."

Interact with usual audiologist

"The audiologists give me very little information normally, but I learned to bring a more intelligent discussion with the audiologist than I could before."

Best time for taking the course

"If I had the possibility to take such a course during the first year (as hearing aid user) it would have helped me very very much, I think so."



Summary

- It is possible to use online tools in the rehabilitation process of hearing impaired adults
- Results from outcome measures
 - Less participation restriction (HHIE), results comparable to HA fitting
 - Less feeling of depression and anxiety (HADS)
- Long term effects
 - The findings are maintained 3 months post participation of online rehab
- Reports from the participants
 - Constructive dialogue in the discussion forum



S Thorén et al 2012; Thorén et al 2011; S Thorén et al 2009



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Over the past two weeks, with your present hearing aid(s), how much do you think other people were bothered by your hearing difficulties?

