# **Training Program for Audiometrist**

# Day 1: Advanced Audiometric Techniques and Diagnostic Skills Morning Session: Advanced Audiometric Testing

- 1. Welcome and Program Overview (30 minutes)
  - o Introduction to training goals and schedule.
  - o Review of objectives and expected outcomes.
- 2. Advanced Audiometric Testing Techniques (1.5 hours)
  - Detailed procedures for advanced audiometric tests: pure-tone audiometry, speech audiometry, and tympanometry.
  - Hands-on practice with audiometers, including calibration and troubleshooting.
- 3. Break (15 minutes)
- 4. Assessment of Auditory Processing Disorders (1.5 hours)
  - Techniques for diagnosing auditory processing disorders (APD).
  - Administration and interpretation of specialized tests for APD.
- 5. Case Studies: Complex Audiometric Cases (1 hour)
  - Review and discussion of challenging cases involving complex hearing loss patterns.
  - Problem-solving and diagnostic strategy development.

# Lunch Break (1 hour)

# Afternoon Session: Patient Management and Communication

- 1. Hearing Aid Technology and Fitting (1.5 hours)
  - Overview of the latest hearing aid technologies and advancements.
  - o Fitting, adjusting, and troubleshooting hearing aids.
  - Patient counseling on hearing aid use and maintenance.
- 2. Patient History and Counseling Techniques (1.5 hours)
  - Gathering detailed patient history related to hearing loss.
  - Effective counseling strategies for patients and their families.
  - o Managing patient expectations and providing support.
- 3. Break (15 minutes)
- 4. Integration with Other Healthcare Services (1 hour)
  - Coordination with ENT specialists, audiologists, and other healthcare professionals.
  - Effective communication and case management in a multidisciplinary team setting.
- 5. Q&A and Review (30 minutes)
  - Addressing questions and summarizing the day's content.

# Day 2: Advanced Diagnostic and Therapeutic Techniques

# Morning Session: Specialized Diagnostic Techniques

- 1. Review of Day 1 (30 minutes)
  - o Recap key points and skills from the previous day.

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Addressing any questions or concerns.

## 2. Electrophysiological Testing (1.5 hours)

- Introduction to Auditory Brainstem Response (ABR) and Otoacoustic Emissions (OAE).
- Techniques for administering and interpreting electrophysiological tests.
- Hands-on practice with ABR and OAE equipment.
- 3. Break (15 minutes)

# 4. Hearing Conservation and Rehabilitation (1.5 hours)

- Strategies for hearing conservation in high-risk environments.
- Rehabilitation techniques for patients with hearing loss, including auditory training and speech therapy.

# 5. Case Discussions: Rehabilitation and Hearing Conservation (1 hour)

- Analysis of case studies involving hearing conservation and rehabilitation.
- Group discussions on effective management strategies.

# Lunch Break (1 hour)

### Afternoon Session: Local Health Issues and Outreach

#### 1. Addressing Local Hearing Health Challenges (1.5 hours)

- o Common hearing health issues in the local population and contributing factors.
- Strategies for improving access to and quality of hearing care in resourcelimited settings.

### 2. Designing Community Outreach Programs (1.5 hours)

- Developing and implementing community outreach programs for hearing health awareness.
- Strategies for educating the public and reducing the prevalence of hearing loss.
- 3. Break (15 minutes)

### 4. Interdisciplinary Collaboration and Case Management (1 hour)

- Best practices for collaborating with other healthcare professionals in managing complex cases.
- Coordination of care and integration of services.

# 5. Debrief and Feedback (30 minutes)

- o Review of the day's activities.
- Collecting feedback and addressing any concerns.

# Day 3: Equipment Management, Quality Assurance, and Evaluation

#### Morning Session: Equipment and Quality Management

1. Review of Day 2 (30 minutes)

o Quick review of previous day's topics and skills.

Preparation for equipment management training.

# 2. Maintenance and Calibration of Audiometric Equipment (1.5 hours)

- o Routine maintenance and calibration procedures for audiometric equipment.
- Troubleshooting common issues and ensuring equipment accuracy.
- 3. Break (15 minutes)
- 4. Quality Assurance and Infection Control (1.5 hours)

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- o Implementing quality assurance practices in audiometry.
- Infection control protocols and ensuring a safe environment for patients and staff.

# 5. Ethics and Professional Development (1 hour)

- Addressing ethical issues in audiometric practice.
- o Opportunities for professional development and continuing education.

#### Lunch Break (1 hour)

#### Afternoon Session: Integration and Evaluation

- 1. Integrated Clinical Scenarios (2 hours)
  - o Hands-on simulation involving complex cases and advanced techniques.
  - o Emphasis on integrating diagnostic skills, patient management, and teamwork.
- 2. Practical Skills Assessment (1 hour)
  - o Evaluation of practical skills through individual assessments.
  - o Demonstration and application of learned techniques in simulated scenarios.
- 3. Break (15 minutes)
- 4. Written Knowledge Test (1 hour)
  - Test covering advanced diagnostic techniques, patient management, and equipment handling.
- 5. Certification and Closing Remarks (30 minutes)
  - o Awarding of certificates of completion.
  - Summary of training outcomes and guidance on continued professional development.
- 6. Final Q&A and Closing (30 minutes)
  - o Addressing any final questions.
  - o Providing additional resources and support information.

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