



Aquaris Enables 11-Year-Old Boy to Excel in School and in Play



Collin Haygood is an active 11-year-old boy with hearing loss in both ears. After six years, three sets of hearing aids, an academic decline and frustration with too many limitations, Collin was introduced to the waterproof Aquaris™ from Siemens. Now, Collin is excelling at home, at school and in sports.



Collin Haygood is just like many other 11-year-old fifth graders—active, athletic, and smart. But after failing his newborn hearing screening and discovering fluid in his ears, Collin’s mother, Stacie, knew they had a battle ahead.

What she didn’t know was it would take four sets of ear tubes, two eardrum reconstructions and four sets of hearing aids to get where they are today. While the ear tubes and eardrum surgeries addressed the fluid issues, Collin still had to deal with his hearing loss. He was fitted with his first pair of hearing aids at age three.

Collin’s hearing aids posed new struggles. Six years and three sets of hearing aids later, the Haygoods were frustrated with the way Collin’s traditional hearing aids kept whistling and “cutting out”. Collin started struggling in school, because his hearing aids were out of commission more often than not. Furthermore, he was limited in his daily

activities, due to their fit and lack of durability.

Collin’s audiologist, Dr. Mandy Sanders from Virginia Ear, Nose and Throat Associates, attributed his hearing aid struggles to moisture, which was causing the traditional hearing aids to break down. Dr. Sanders recommended a revolutionary hearing aid—the [Aquaris from Siemens](#). As the first digital waterproof, dustproof and shock-resistant hearing aid, Dr. Sanders knew Aquaris would fit perfectly with Collin’s lifestyle.

“Collin hated his old hearing aids, often refusing to wear them,” Stacie says. “He now won’t go anywhere without them. After nearly two years, they’ve never stopped working on him once. We love them!”

Collin’s parents used to encourage baseball, as they felt a sport with less contact and activity was easier on his hearing aids. But Collin really wanted to play football. Since

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receiving his Aquaris hearing aids, Collin has played defensive tackle in every game. Thanks to Aquaris’ soft-touch surface, [Sport Clip accessory](#) and robust, waterproof design, Collin’s hearing aids stayed dry and in place.

Aquaris has been a game changer at school, as well. Collin pairs his Aquaris hearing aids with [Siemens miniTek®](#) and [VoiceLink™](#) accessories. His teacher wears a small lapel microphone that wirelessly streams his teacher’s words directly into his ears, even from across the room. Both his behavior and grades have improved dramatically.

“I used to get really frustrated when I couldn’t hear my teacher,” Collin says. “And my teacher would get frustrated with me. We’re much happier now. The miniTek with

my hearing aids really makes my brain move, because now I can hear the information being shared.”

Stacie has seen her little boy become much more confident and happy. “Aquaris has allowed Collin to excel in things he loves but couldn’t do before,” Stacie says. “As a mother, that’s priceless.”

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