



## Australian Hearing's New FM Range – March 2009

Australian Hearing has introduced a new FM range, effective from 24 March 2009. New products have been added to the range, whilst a number of products have been removed.

### WHAT'S NEW? The following devices have been added to the fully subsidised range.

1. The **Phonak Inspiro** transmitter replaces the Campus Sx transmitter, which is no longer available.
2. The **Phonak MLxi receiver** replaces the Micro MLxS receiver.

The Inspiro/MLxi system offers "Dynamic FM" which has a range of features aimed at improving ease of use, troubleshooting, team teaching and improved ease of listening.

**Note that the full benefits of Dynamic FM are only available when the Inspiro transmitter is used with the MLxi receiver.** While the Inspiro is compatible with the MicroLink Freedom, the MLxS and the MyLink receivers, these combinations do not allow access to all dynamic FM features.

The Inspiro transmitter is supplied with either an iLapel or iBoom microphone (similar in appearance to the MicroBoom that was provided with the Campus). The "standard" boom microphone style is not compatible with Inspiro.

3. **Phonak Easy Link transmitter** is fully subsidised when appropriate to the child's needs.
4. The **Phonic Ear Amigo T5/R5** can now be used with hearing aids or cochlear implants via an induction loop or direct audio input, as well as for unaided children via headphones.
5. The **Phonic Ear Amigo T10/R1** has been introduced as an option for clients who require a conference-style microphone and ear level receiver (single frequency).

### TOP UP FM SYSTEMS

The following FM systems are available to purchase through Australian Hearing's program:

#### Aided children:

Phonak transmitters: Zoom Link & Smart Link

Phonak Receivers: Second MicroLink Freedom or MLxi.

**Unaided children who have a permanent or long-term hearing loss:** The Phonak Edulink ear level receiver and a compatible transmitter can be purchased by the family if they do not wish to avail themselves of the fully subsidised Amigo system.

### FITTING POLICY

- **There will be no upgrade policy associated with the new FM range.**
  - FM systems are replaced only when there is a change in clinical need or client goals that can be better met by the current range.
  - If a family wishes to obtain one of the new FM products, then they may elect to purchase it for their child.
- We continue to provide one FM receiver per child fully subsidised. This can be an ear level or body level receiver (including the MyLink). Families may purchase a second ear level receiver if they wish.
- **Team teaching.** Australian Hearing is unable to sell FM transmitters to teachers. If teachers or specialist schools wish to use the team teaching feature of Inspiro there are two options:
  - Utilise transmitters that have been fitted to other children in the class or
  - Purchase an additional transmitter. If you wish to follow this option, please contact your Australian Hearing audiologist who will be able to advise you of the process for your state.
- **Other components.** As part of our FM fitting program we also provide:
  - One transmitter microphone per client (either head-worn/boom or lapel style). If a client wishes to use a microphone style that is different from the one supplied, we can swap their current microphone for the preferred style.
  - An auxiliary input cord to connect the transmitter to audio, video or computer equipment.
  - A battery charger, when required for the transmitter or receiver.

- Teachers in specialist schools or units can be supplied with a personal boom microphone if they have more than two FM users in their class.
- “Spare” components may be purchased by the family if required.