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**What I do**

Robert Sweetow, PhD, is a Clinical Professor in the Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery (OHNS) at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), and was the Director of Audiology at the UCSF Medical Center from 1991 - 2010. He received his Communicative Disorders undergraduate degree from the University of Iowa, a Masters from the University of Southern California, followed by a PhD in Audiology from Northwestern University.

Dr. Sweetow has utilized his teaching skills, over 30 years of clinical experience and research to assist patients and other audiologists to help manage hearing loss and auditory disorders. He and his colleagues developed a computerized, online program called Listening and Communication Enhancement (LACE) to help hard-of-hearing people learn skills on active listening. He is committed to providing the necessary tools to help patients effectively employ their resources to the best of their abilities.

Dr. Sweetow has written 25 textbook chapters and over 120 articles. He has been an invited speaker at over 250 scientific meetings. He is recognized globally for his teaching, clinical practice, and publications. He has also served on the board of directors for the American Academy of Audiology.

**Specialty:**

Audiology

Expertise:

Aural rehabilitation, hearing aids, tinnitus, cognitive and behavioral counseling, forensic audiology

Professional Interests:

Computerized auditory training, hearing aids and acoustic therapies for tinnitus, instructional and adjustment based counseling for hearing loss and tinnitus, University clinical protocol training, consultant to hearing aid industry

Education and Training:

- PhD: Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
- M.A. University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA.
- B.S. University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa

Awards and Honors:

- 2008 American Academy of Audiology - Distinguished Achievement Award
- 2012 Editors' - Award for Outstanding Research Publication in Ear and Hearing
- Oticon Focus on People National Award, practitioner category, 2002

## Publications

1. **Sweetow RW**. The use of fractal tones in tinnitus patient management. *Noise Health*. 2013 Mar-Apr; 15(63):96-100. PMID: 23571299.
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  15. Salamy A, Eldredge L, **Sweetow R**. Transient evoked otoacoustic emissions: feasibility in the nursery. *Ear Hear*. 1996 Feb; 17(1):42-8. PMID: 8741966.
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  21. Mueller HG, **Sweetow R**. Clinical rationale for using an overhead speaker in evaluation of hearing aids. *Arch Otolaryngol*. 1978 Jul; 104(7):417-8. PMID: 666652.
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