

## *World Hearing Day 2022*



To understand what is being said in this pandemic, you must prick up your ears particularly often, as the saying goes. Communication with a protective mask demands a lot from your ability to hear. The "World Hearing Day" is an occasion to pay attention to the special abilities of our ears and to counteract impairments. It is therefore with pleasure that I assume the patronage for the first time! My thanks go to all those professionals who diagnose and effectively treat hearing impairment within our health care system, and to everyone in our society who takes preventive action to reduce noise exposure.

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