The 1974 Summer Institute of the Academy of Rehabilitative Audiology was held at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf in Rochester, New York. The staff of NTID prepared an excellent program that exposed all participants attending the Academy meeting to the facilities, instrumentation, services, and ongoing research activities of this developing institution. The papers contained in this volume were presented by the NTID staff at that meeting. Reading these papers will give one an idea of the wide scope of research they have undertaken in addition to the rehabilitative and clinical services that they render to their hearing impaired students.

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