

Travelling with cochlear implants

Family holidays are a time for fun! However, travelling with kids who wear cochlear implants needs some planning before you set off on your adventure.

Packing tips:

- cochlear implant card or patient ID card
- rechargeable batteries and charger
- disposable batteries in case no access to power
- spare processors, cables and coils
- wireless accessory for audio/communication
- travel plug adaptor if going overseas
- drying kit - also helpful in humid locations
- waterproof covers
- electronic tablet for entertainment using wireless connection and captions
- take essentials in carry-on in case luggage goes missing

Other tips:

- ask your child's audiologist for a copy of current MAP(s)
- research Cochlear clinic locations at your destination
- let your child know there may be different languages/accents that make communication more challenging
- most airlines allow lithium batteries in carry-on but always good to check
- it is safe to walk through metal detectors and body scanners - can remove processors to avoid buzzing sound
- you may be asked to turn off processors and/or remote assistants for takeoff and landing
- check whether your travel insurance covers theft, loss or damage to cochlear equipment

