



Parent tips for Cochlear Implant Surgery

The decision of whether or not to implant your child is an extremely difficult one. If you have chosen to proceed with surgery, then here is some advice from parents that you may find helpful.



Choosing a Doctor...

- Make sure you are happy with your choice of surgeon - ask questions including how much experience they have had and their success rate.
- Ask for a second opinion if you are not sure about something.
- Ask for recommendations from others including the ADK FB parent groups.

Before Surgery...

- Pack clothes for your child that do not need to be removed over their head.
- Bring along your child's favourite toy or comforter.
- Take food and drink for both your child and yourself.

In Hospital...

- Expect them to be upset when they first wake from surgery.
- Have some playthings for entertainment during recovery.
- Bring something to occupy yourself in the waiting room.
- Ask for post-surgery information, including what to expect, pain relief, other medication and contact numbers for assistance.

Post Surgery

- Their balance could be affected for a few days.
- Expect there to be some swelling and bruising after surgery.
- Consider giving them a gift for being so brave in surgery, such as a stuffed toy with cochlear implants.
- Take someone with you to the switch on appointment as you will receive a lot of information.