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Cochlear Implants

A cochlear implant is a small, complex electronic device that can help to provide a sense of sound. People who are profoundly deaf [<https://medlineplus.gov/hearingdisordersanddeafness.html>] or severely hard-of-hearing can get help from them. The implant consists of two parts. One part sits on the outside of the body, behind the ear. A second part is surgically placed under the skin.

An implant does not restore normal hearing. It can help a person understand speech. Children and adults can benefit from them.

National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders

Start Here

- Cochlear Implants [<https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/implants-and-prosthetics/cochlear-implants>] (Food and Drug Administration)
- Cochlear Implants [<https://www.nidcd.nih.gov/health/cochlear-implants>]  (National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders)
Also in Spanish [<https://www.nidcd.nih.gov/es/espanol/implantes-cocleares>]

Related Issues

- Benefits and Risks of Cochlear Implants [<https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/cochlear-implants/benefits-and-risks-cochlear-implants>] (Food and Drug Administration)

Videos and Tutorials

- Hearing and the cochlea [<https://medlineplus.gov/ency/anatomyvideos/000063.htm>]  (Medical Encyclopedia)
Also in Spanish [<https://medlineplus.gov/spanish/ency/anatomyvideos/000063.htm>]

Statistics and Research

- Quick Statistics about Hearing [<https://www.nidcd.nih.gov/health/statistics/quick-statistics-hearing>]  (National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders)

Journal Articles

References and abstracts from MEDLINE/PubMed (National Library of Medicine)

- Article: Cochlear implant re-mapping informed by measures of viability of the electrode-neural... [<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/40739146>]
- Article: Computationally Efficient Impact Estimation of Coil Misalignment for Magnet-Free Cochlear Implants. [<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/40732507>]
- Article: An fNIRS dataset for Multimodal Speech Comprehension in Normal Hearing Individuals... [<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/40715172>]

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Find an Expert

- Directory of Organizations [<https://www.nidcd.nih.gov/directory>]  (National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders)
- Find an Audiologist [<https://members.audiology.org/cvweb/cgi-bin/memberdli.dll/info?wpr=find-an-audiologist.htm>] (American Academy of Audiology)
- National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders [<https://www.nidcd.nih.gov>] 

Children

- Cochlear Implant (For Parents) [<https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/cochlear-implant-animation.html>]  (Nemours Foundation)
- Cochlear Implants (For Parents) [<https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/cochlear.html>] (Nemours Foundation)
- Vaccines and Cochlear Implants [<https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/cochlear-immunizations.html>] (Nemours Foundation)
Also in Spanish [<https://kidshealth.org/es/parents/cochlear-immunizations.html>]

Patient Handouts

- Cochlear implant [<https://medlineplus.gov/ency/article/007203.htm>] (Medical Encyclopedia)
Also in Spanish [<https://medlineplus.gov/spanish/ency/article/007203.htm>]



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The primary NIH organization for research on *Cochlear Implants* is the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders [<https://www.nidcd.nih.gov/>]

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