

About Us

Audiologists at the Mercy Audiology and Hearing Aid Center are committed to providing high-quality, comprehensive care for children and adults with hearing loss. Through our personal and individualized care, we ensure each child and adult reaches his or her fullest potential and best quality of life.

Mercy audiologists have earned a master's or doctoral degree in the field of audiology. They are certified by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and are licensed by the Board of Registration for the Healing Arts in Missouri. By choosing a Mercy audiologist, you can rest assured that you are receiving medically-based hearing health care.

Selecting the most appropriate hearing technology is important to your hearing success.

Cochlear Implants vs. Hearing Aids

Cochlear implants are designed to help those with moderate to profound hearing loss in both ears who are not receiving enough benefit when using hearing aids. For some people, using hearing aids alone can be like listening to a loud, poorly tuned radio. It may be loud enough to hear parts of what is being said, but the words are not clear. Cochlear implants are designed to provide you with sounds you cannot hear with a hearing aid, so you have the potential to understand what is being said.

Treating hearing loss may help more than just your hearing. Early detection is key to successful treatment; recognizing the signs of hearing loss early can help you minimize its effects on your life.



Depression & Anxiety



Cognition & Brain Health



Social Withdrawal



Tinnitus (Ringing in the Ears)



Dizziness



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Your Cochlear Implant Evaluation Appointment

Date: _____

Time: _____

Location: _____

With: _____



Pre-Cochlear Implant Evaluation



Important Information About Your Evaluation

THE GOAL OF A COCHLEAR IMPLANT EVALUATION:

- Determine if you are a cochlear implant candidate
- Review test results
- Receive suggestions based on results
- Learn more about cochlear implant technology
- Ask questions

THE EVALUATION PROCESS:

Hearing Test

An audiologist will...

- Review your hearing history
- Test your hearing with and without hearing aids
- Test your speech understanding with and without hearing aids

PREPARING FOR YOUR APPOINTMENT

Please fill out the enclosed forms

(SSQ12 – B & Case History Information)

Bring your hearing aids. It is important for our audiologists to assess your current devices before taking the next steps.

Please bring a loved one to your next appointment.

An important aspect of treating hearing loss is the involvement of a loved one who you communicate with regularly. Your loved one understands the communication challenges you both face and will play an active role in your treatment.

HOW CAN YOU BENEFIT FROM A COCHLEAR IMPLANT?

Cochlear implants can make a big difference in your hearing confidence. With a cochlear implant, you may be able to enjoy everyday moments like:

- Communicating with your family and friends
- Talking on the phone
- Watching and listening to the TV
- Participating in work meetings or conference calls
- Listening to music
- And so much more...

Insurance Coverage

Unlike hearing aids, cochlear implants may be covered by Medicare. They are also covered by many insurance plans and typically Medicaid.*

Implant Procedure

A hearing implant is a low-risk outpatient procedure usually done under general anesthesia. In a few days, most people are back to their normal activities.

**Covered for Medicare beneficiaries who meet CMS criteria for coverage. Coverage for adult Medicaid recipients varies according to state-specific guidelines. Contact your insurance provider or hearing implant specialist to determine your eligibility for coverage.*

