



\*\*\*\*Update: Return to Market and Device Recall\*\*\*\*  
Advanced Bionics HiRes 90K Cochlear Implant  
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Advanced Bionics is pleased to announce that we received approval from the European Notified Body, TÜV, to resume distribution of the HiRes 90K™ implant to countries accepting the CE Mark. Currently, we are in the process of building inventory and will begin shipping HiRes 90K implants to several countries around the world in the coming weeks.

In addition, we are also happy to report that all documentation of the manufacturing process changes implemented to address the recall issue has been completed and will be submitted shortly to the FDA. Although we do not have a date for our return to market in North America at this time, we are hopeful that AB will re-enter the North American markets in early summer.

Please be aware that our ability to provide implants to individual markets and cochlear implant centers will vary according to each market due to limited supply in the initial weeks of market re-entry. Your local Advanced Bionics representative will inform you as we prepare to resume HiRes 90K implant distribution in your region. In the meantime, we are committed to providing cochlear implant professionals, recipients, and their families with the first-class service they have come to rely on from AB.

Finally, we would like to provide you with an update on the status of AB's voluntary HiRes 90K implant recall. Our investigation continues to show that of the more than 28,000 implanted HiRes 90K devices, only two explanted devices have been confirmed to have the issue.

Thank you for your support as we resolve the HiRes 90K implant recall and return to market. AB remains committed to making a difference in the lives of those impacted by hearing loss.

If you have any questions about the HiRes 90K recall, please contact Advanced Bionics.