



TOOLS for TODDLERS

Creating Your BIONIC EAR EXPERIENCE BOOK

Purpose: Use your Bionic Ear Experience Book as a special place to store records, notes, and photos. Many parents choose to take this book to appointments so that they have easy access to previous test results, observations, notes on their child’s recent progress, and results from other professionals. You may choose to regularly write about specific events or your feelings. When doing this, you are facilitating communication between the home and the professionals serving your child as well as creating a piece of memorabilia for your child to appreciate in years to come!

Suggested Materials:

- 1) Three-ring binder with clear pockets on the front cover
- 2) Computer with printer
- 3) Binder dividers

Instructions:

- 1) **Create a cover!** Decorate a sheet of paper that reflects your child’s journey with a cochlear implant and insert it into the front clear pocket of the binder. Consider using a picture of your child or having your child draw a picture.
- 2) **Divide it up!** Consider what information would be helpful for you to keep and what would be meaningful to your child as he/she reflects back on his/her hearing journey. Decide how to divide this information up into sections so that you can easily access it. Label the sections of the notebook according to the divisions. Below you’ll find some suggested divisions.

Audiology

- ABR / OAE
- Speech perception testing
- Hearing tests
- Maps
- Notes on mapping changes

Otology/ENT

- Medical reports
- CT or MRI reports

Speech Therapy

- Therapy goals
- Speech and language evaluations

Occupational and Physical Therapy

- OT and PT Goals
- Evaluations

School

- IEP/IFSP
- Report cards
- Communications with school
- School Input Form*

Pediatrician

- Immunizations
- Developmental and growth milestones
- Medications and dosages

Psychology, Social Work, Genetics or others

- Evaluations and results

Equipment

Remembering it All

- Journal pages
- Quick notes
- Monthly calendar
- Photos
- Special recognitions

Daily Listening Checks

- The Ling Six Sound Check and Pictures of the Ling Six Sounds*
- Behavioral Listening Check Forms*

Resources

- List-serves
- Parent support groups
- Favorite internet links/bookmarks
- Important contacts
- Blank Release of information forms

- 3) **Gather the information:** Using the suggested divisions above plus the many resources and tools provided by Advanced Bionics, gather your information and begin creating a special memory for you and your child.
- 4) **Keep it current!** Remember to update this often and bring it with you to all of your child’s appointments.

If you have any questions or need assistance, contact the BEA at 800.678.2575 or hear@AdvancedBionics.com and ask to speak with an audiologist. We’d love to hear from you!

*Forms available for download at AdvancedBionics.com/ToolsforSchools.