



Cochlear Implant Candidacy ADULT Criteria

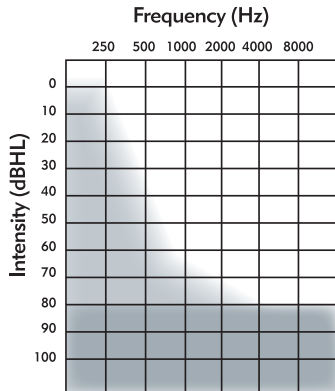
ADULT CANDIDACY GUIDELINES

- Severe-to-profound bilateral sensorineural hearing loss greater than or equal to 80dBHL ($\geq 80\text{dBHL}$) at two or more frequencies (at 500Hz, 1000Hz, 2000Hz, 3000Hz and 4000Hz) bilaterally without acoustic hearing aids
- Limited or no benefit from appropriately fitted hearing aids
- Candidates present with a phoneme score of 50% or less on the AB word test with appropriately fitted hearing aids

However, adults with lower degrees of hearing loss who present with poor functional hearing, may also benefit from cochlear implantation.

For all candidates, the multidisciplinary clinical team should consider that cochlear implantation is likely to provide additional benefit beyond that which can be provided through hearing aids.

These guidelines for implantation are recommended by NICE as of 01/04/2019. Referral criteria may vary between Cochlear Implant Services.



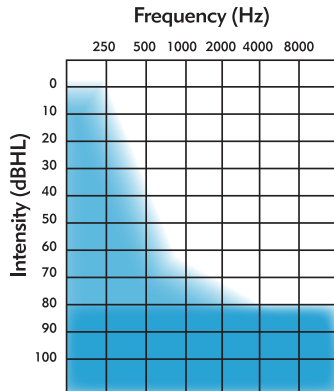
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PAEDIATRIC CANDIDACY GUIDELINES

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- Limited or no benefit from appropriately fitted hearing aids
- Failure to develop, progress and maintain speech, language and listening skills appropriate to age, developmental stage and cognitive ability

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