

Next Steps Towards Cochlear Implantation

Candidacy

- Comprehensive hearing assessment
- Extensive evaluation of speech understanding with hearing aids
- Brain health assessment (Required for 45 years and older or as requested)

Medical

- CT/ MRI - to be determined by your CI team
- If a referral is required by your insurance company, please contact your primary care physician directly (A list of imaging centers in the area is available upon request)
- Medical evaluation with surgeon (Bring CT/MRI images to this appointment)
- Schedule surgery (with your surgeon's surgical coordinator)

Device Counseling Workshop (DCW)

- View device counseling videos prior to DCW @ www.gbmc.org/devicecounseling
- Overview of 3 cochlear implant (CI) manufacturers, pre-surgical requirements, expectations for the day of surgery, activation and overall CI performance
- Must be completed two weeks prior to surgery
- Please contact our center at 443-849-8400 to schedule an in-office device counseling workshop. Remote counseling may be available upon request.

Surgery

- Pre-Op physical with your primary care physician (and other specialists, as advised)
- Completed 2 weeks prior to your surgery
- Surgery location will be determined by your surgeon
- Post-Op consultation - determined by your surgeon

Audiological Follow-up

- Activation of cochlear implant (2 weeks after surgery)
- 2 hour appointment: 1st hour spent with the audiologist activating your equipment; 2nd hour spent with cochlear implant technician for introduction to your CI equipment
- Standard appointments: 1, 3, and 12 months after your activation; annually thereafter
- These appointment include: assessments of sound detection and speech understanding, processor programming, and equipment management

Aural Rehabilitation

- Complete remote hearing check if recommended.
- Initial rehabilitation session (2 weeks after activation)
- Designed to engage you in different activities for listening with your cochlear implant and provide techniques for at-home practice
- Initial visit will include a 30-minute equipment review session with the cochlear implant technician
- Frequency of future appointments will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis
- In-office or remote at-home services are available



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