



## RCHSD Pediatric Pre-Cochlear Implant Candidacy Evaluation Process

Thank you in our interest in our Pediatric Cochlear Implant program at **Rady Children's Hospital**. Please use this page to help keep track of your testing appointments.

### Hearing (Audiological) Test Appointments

Hearing Test (45 minutes): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Hearing Aid Fitting (90 Minutes): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Hearing Aid Follow-Up (60 minutes): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Hearing Test with Hearing aids (60 minutes): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Speech Perception Testing (60 minutes): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Cochlear Implant Appointments

Pre-Cochlear Implant Consult (90 minutes): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Medical Appointments**

Surgical Evaluation with ENT (30 minutes):

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- Please bring a copy of your immunization records to this appointment.
- CT scan and/or MRI, might be ordered by the physician.

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**Educational Evaluation**

-Notify your child’s schoolteacher or early interventionist that you are pursuing a cochlear implant.

-Request a copy of the IEP (Individual Education Plan) or IFSP (Individualized Family Service Plan) and have it sent to: Rosabel Agbayani, Rady Children’s Hospital San Diego; 3020 Children’s Way, MC5010, San Diego, CA 92123

-Your child’s school or early intervention program will also be contacted by our educational liaison for further information.

-A release of information MUST be signed by you, the parent, before exchange of information can take place between the hospital and the school.

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**Cochlear Implant Case Conference**

- The cochlear implant team on the second Wednesday to meet to make a final recommendation for candidacy.
- You will be notified via phone call about the recommendations after this meeting.

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**A few final reminders:**

- It may take additional appointments to gather all the information needed.
- Hearing aids are expected to be worn consistently, during all waking hours, every day following the initial hearing aid fitting. This usage can be verified via data logging in the computer at each session.
- We support the family's home language and will provide translation and/or bilingual therapists.
- It is the family's responsibility to ensure that authorizations for evaluations are obtained. The process can be expedited with your help. Please check your insurance to ensure that a cochlear implant is a covered benefit.
- It is very important that you attend ALL appointments on time. If you think you will be late or cannot make the appointment, please call as soon as possible to cancel and reschedule.
- We realize that there are many appointments involved both with the pre as well as the post-implant process. Please utilize MyChart to help keep track of your child's appointments and to message your child's medical professional. Please stop by any scheduling desk to activate MyChart if you have not already done so.