

# When to consider a cochlear implant evaluation for adults\*

Does your client meet any of these criteria in the BETTER ear?

## Daily interactions

Client experiences ANY of the following:

- Not meeting listening goals with hearing aids
- Struggling to hear on the phone
- Having difficulty understanding others
- Withdrawing from social events
- Often needing others to repeat themselves

## Audibility

Pure Tone Average (0.5, 1, 2 kHz)<sup>1</sup>

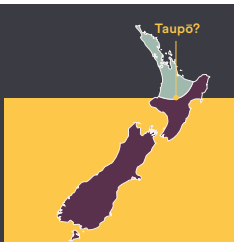
≥ **60** dB

## Speech understanding

Unaided Word Recognition Score<sup>1</sup>

≤ **60** %

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\*This provides a recommendation only of when an adult may be referred for a cochlear implant evaluation, but does not guarantee candidacy based on indications.

1. Zwolan TA, Schwartz-Leyzac KC, Pleasant T. Development of a 60/60 Guideline for Referring Adults for a Traditional Cochlear Implant Candidacy Evaluation. *Otol Neurotol.* 2020 Aug;41(7):895-900.

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