



Public Cochlear Implant Programs in Australia

Did you know there are government funded Public Cochlear Implant Programs in Australia? Australians of all ages can access government funded Public Cochlear Implant Programs, which typically offer fully funded Cochlear™ Nucleus® implant systems to eligible patients, along with a range of other services.¹⁻⁵

Benefits of the Public Cochlear Implant Programs

The Public Cochlear Implant Programs could provide you with:

1. The latest Cochlear™ Nucleus® devices, fully funded¹
2. Bulk billed Cochlear implant audiological assessments and appointments⁶
3. Access to some of the world's best Ear, Nose and Throat surgeons⁶
4. Bulk billed cochlear implant procedures and associated surgical costs.¹
5. Support schemes to assist with travel and accommodation for families in regional areas.¹

Questions to ask your audiologist

Can I have a copy of my latest audiogram? Yes No

Do I have moderately severe to profound HL in one or both ears? Yes No

Do I need to see my doctor before visiting a Public Cochlear Implant Program clinic? Yes No

Where is my nearest Public Cochlear Implant Program clinic? Name: _____

Interested? Let the Cochlear Engagement Team guide you every step of the way

The Cochlear Engagement team can support you with:

- ✓ Finding your nearest Public Cochlear Implant clinics which offer bulk billing
- ✓ Information, tips and the requirements at each step, from initial cochlear implant assessment to surgery
- ✓ Booking appointments and reminders
- ✓ Free information sessions, support services and events for cochlear implant candidates

Private hospital cover can give you more.

Did you know that Gold, Silver and some Bronze private hospital policies typically cover the cost of Cochlear™ Nucleus®, Baha® and Osia® implant systems?^{7,8} They may also cover private hospital fees and future sound processor upgrades. Speak to the Cochlear Engagement Team to learn more.

Contact the Cochlear Engagement Team today on:

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