

When to consider a cochlear implant evaluation for adults*

Does your client meet any of these criteria in EITHER 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)¹

≥ **60** dB

Speech understanding

Aided Phoneme Score²
at normal conversation levels (60-70 dB)

≤ **60** %



Refer a client to the
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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.

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