Key Considerations for Referring Children and Adults for Cochlear Implants

INTRODUCTION

No national or international consensus exists on the delivery of care specific to pre-operative and post-operative audiologic cochlear implant evaluation and management. As such, decision-making regarding testing methods is largely made by the professional judgement of the clinician, which can bring with it discrepancies in testing that lead to inconsistent access to cochlear implants. This session discusses these discrepancies and provides a set of guidelines clinicians can use to refer patients for a cochlear implant evaluation. The session addresses the importance of a multidisciplinary approach when evaluating candidates for cochlear implants.

This course is a recorded session from the 2019 online conference “Audiology 2019: Cochlear Implants.”

LEARNING OUTCOMES

You will be able to:

- describe the expansion in criteria for cochlear implants and when to refer
- perform speech-in-noise testing measures as part of the diagnostic workup
- interview the patient and/or parents to determine if a referral for cochlear implant is appropriate

PROGRAM HISTORY and IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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