

COCHLEAR IMPLANT EVALUATION CASE HISTORY

Name	Date of Birth
When were you diagnosed with a hearing loss?	
What was the cause of your hearing loss?	
When did you first wear hearing aids?	
Have you worn hearing aids consistently since that time? If not, please explain why not.	
How old are your current hearing aids?	
When was the last time the hearing aids were programmed?	
What situations are most difficult for you when wearing your hearing aids?	
Do you have difficulty on the phone? With TV?	
Do you have any pain in your ears today? If so, rate on a scale of 1-10 with 10 being the v	vorst pain ever felt.
Any feeling of pressure or any drainage in your ears today?	
Do you hear noises in your ears (e.g., ringing, buzzing)? If so, how often? Which ear?	



What To Expect During Your Cochlear Implant Evaluation

BEFORE YOUR APPOINTMENT:

Once you have been identified as a possible cochlear implant candidate, you will be set up for a cochlear implant evaluation at Heuser Hearing Institute. Prior to your cochlear implant evaluation, it is very important that you fill out any worksheets or surveys in this packet. Please bring the completed forms, any recent audiologic test results and your current hearing aids, if available, to ensure we have enough time to complete all of the testing in one visit.

DURING YOUR APPOINTMENT:

We will review your completed history together and ask any follow-up questions. We will examine your hearing aids to see if they are providing the appropriate amplification given your hearing loss. If they are, we will use your own hearing aids to complete testing. If they are not, we will provide you with hearing aids programmed for your hearing loss.

TESTING:

While wearing hearing aids, you will sit in a sound booth and listen to sounds, words and sentences. We will be looking for the softest sounds you are able to hear and your best speech recognition while wearing hearing aids. You may be tested in multiple aided conditions. This will help us to determine candidacy and the best ear for implantation.

COUNSELING:

Once testing is complete, we will discuss the results and your audiologic candidacy potential. Final determination of candidacy is a team decision made with our input, as well as your surgeon's. If you are a candidate, we will provide you with detailed information about cochlear implants, our process and the next steps. If you are not a candidate, we will discuss your options going forward.

AFTER YOUR APPOINTMENT:

After your appointment you will meet with the surgeon to determine medical candidacy (if you have not already). If you are determined to be a candidate medically, you will return to Heuser to choose the implant type, color and accessories. If you have any questions prior to your surgery, you should feel free to contact either your audiologist or surgeon to discuss your concerns.