

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 worst 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? _____

Do you experience any dizziness? If yes, please describe. _____

Is there any family history of hearing loss? Please describe. _____

Have you been exposed to loud sounds, either at work (e.g., factories) or recreationally (loud music, shooting guns, etc.)? If yes, please describe and also state if hearing protection was used in those situations.

How do you usually communicate? (Speaking, sign, combination, lip reading) _____

What (if anything) do you know about cochlear implants? _____

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.