

## Hearing Implant Clinic

You have been sent an appointment to attend a Hearing Implant Clinic. These clinics are for new patients and also for patients who have completed their assessment for a cochlear implant.

You will be seen by the hearing implant team including a specialist Ear Nose and Throat (ENT) consultant surgeon. The appointment will last between 1–2 hours. You are welcome to bring a friend or relative to your appointment. Please ensure you bring your hearing aids with well fitting earmoulds to this appointment.

### What to expect at your clinic appointment

Your clinic appointment will include some or all of these aspects:

1. You will meet your consultant and members of the hearing implant team. We will start by reviewing information regarding your hearing and medical history. We will discuss aspects such as your hearing, use of hearing aids, tinnitus, balance and communication issues and how your deafness affects your work and home life
2. Your ears will be examined by the implant audiologist and also your consultant surgeon
3. You will be given a hearing test to determine the level of hearing in both ears
4. We will do some tests of your ability to hear speech with your hearing aids. You will be asked to listen to a recorded voice saying words and sentences. You will be asked to repeat what you hear
5. If you have completed your assessment, you will not have to re-do the steps in 1–4 listed above but you will have a discussion with your consultant regarding ongoing management of your hearing loss. If you are going to have a cochlear or other hearing implant, you will be guided through the consent for surgery. Next, you will see our specialist nurse, who will complete some of the required pre-admission tests, including giving you a vaccination to protect you from meningitis. Patients still have to return for their PA clinic

### Cochlear implants for severe to profoundly deaf people

If you go forward to an assessment, you will be signposted to a video which will show you all about cochlear implants. The video has subtitles and will explain about all aspects of the assessment, surgery, risks and benefits of cochlear implants. You can also access the video online at: [www.uhb.nhs.uk/services/audiology/cochlear-implants/i-aminterested-in-an-implant/](http://www.uhb.nhs.uk/services/audiology/cochlear-implants/i-aminterested-in-an-implant/) or via the QR code on this leaflet.

Please ensure you watch the video before your next appointment.

### What happens next?

The results of the clinic appointment will be discussed with you.

**New patients:** If appropriate, you will go forward to a full assessment to determine whether a cochlear implant might be of benefit to you. This will be on a separate occasion. The next steps of

the assessment will be discussed with you. However, if today's results indicate that a cochlear implant is not appropriate for you, or at least not at present, then arrangements for continued management of your hearing aids will be agreed. We will write to your GP and local Audiology Department to let them know the outcome.

## Communication needs

If you require an interpreter at your appointment, please telephone **0121 371 4756** or email: [interpreting.service@uhb.nhs.uk](mailto:interpreting.service@uhb.nhs.uk)

## Students

Please note that as this is a teaching hospital, a student may carry out some or all of your appointment under supervision of a qualified audiologist. If you do not wish to have a student present during your appointment, please let reception know on your arrival.

## Patient transport

If you are eligible for patient transport, please contact West Midlands Ambulance non-emergency Patient Transport Service on **0800 035 6511**. Please note that transport is only available for Monday to Friday.

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