

## Ear Health And Hearing Care

For  
Family

### 1- Is my child deaf? How can I know?

- Every child born in the hospital passes through a hearing scan. If he/she has a hearing defect, it's going to be identified there.
- If your child doesn't give any reaction to sounds you must see an ENT doctor. The doctor does audiological tests and detects if there is any hearing defect.

### 2- My child was born deaf. What should I do?

- Your doctor will write you a deaf-aid. You will go to a hearing center and get a deaf-aid which will be proper for your child's hearing loss.

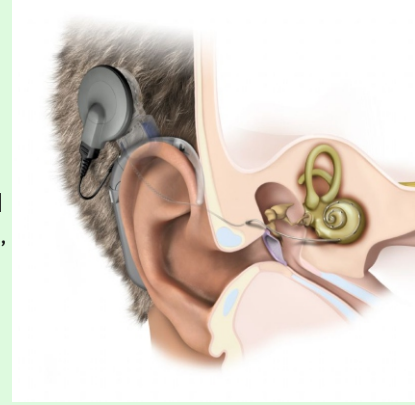


### 3- Should I implant a cochlear implant?

- If the behind ear device not enough, you can implant cochlea device. Your doctor's and your educationist's decision is important for this.
- The cochlear implantation is more helpful than the behind ear device for children who has high hearing loss level.

### 4- How is the cochlear implantation surgery done?

- This surgery is done in the form of palcing a magnetic devive under the skin behind the ear. The operation is done after the child has slept for almost 2 hours. After 2 weeks , the outer apparatus of the device(the magnetic piece) is being attached. After 6 months the device has been attached and the regular audio adjustments has been done into it. After the required sound has been taken, controlling it once a year will be enough.



### 5- Does he have to use the deaf-aid?

- The child must use the proper device for his speech improvement or hearing and recognizing some sounds.

### 6- Does the government pay for deaf-aids?

- The government, pays for every device depending on the child's age.

### Will my child talk when he starts using hearing aids?

- For a good speaking there has to be a good hearing.
- The child's age, hearing loss, the hearing device which he uses, the yield of the device and the education of the child are important for the speaking to take place.
- After birth and latest before the age of 3, most children whose age is between 5-6 had their proper devices and proper education can get along verbally with their peers.
- In some children the hearing quality or the speaking for some different reasons can not always be as requested . Using hearing devices would be useful also for children to recognize sounds.

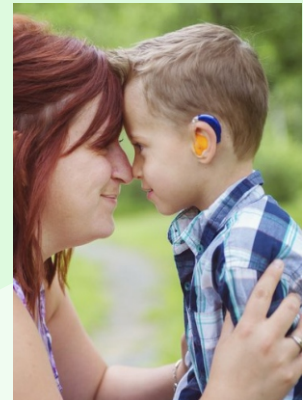


### 7- What kind of hearing device I may use?

The behind the ear device should be used first on children. We must use it at least for 6 months. If we are getting enough benefit from this device we should keep using it.

### 8- From where can I get education?

- Children in the age between 0-4 can get educated from the Special Education and Rehabilitation Centers.
- At this point families should be aware of who are the educationalists who will educate their children. At this process you can also talk to your educationalist and see your children in the kinder garten .
- After the age of 4 you can also discuss with you educationalist and Guidance Research Center as well and sen your children to kindergarten of regular school or school of deaf as well.



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### 9- Is taking care of the hearing device difficult?

- Taking care of the hearing device is easy. The device has easy cares per day and per week.
- Behind the ear devices:
  - Check its battery before using it
  - Clean the ear mold
  - Keep it away from water and moisture
  - Don't drop the device
  - Keep the device from being hit by hard things
  - Take the device to the shop from where you bought for control once every 6 months
  - Use an immobilization cord for little children
- Cochlear Implant Hearing Devices:
  - Check the device's battery before using
  - If the device works with rechargeable battery, charge it regularly
  - Keep it away from water and moisture



### 10- At school age, which school should he/she go to ?

- When the child gets to school. if he/she can communicate with their peers verbally they can go to a regular school. You should decide this with RRC and the educationalists. Children who can't communicate verbally you can send them to school of deaf.
- Places where you can't find school of deaf you can send them to special education classes for deaf.
- Schools of deaf which gives service as public schools are Kindergarten, primary school, middle school. The transportation and launch are being served by the government for free.



### 11- What are the things that parents of children with hearing loss should take care about while they're talking to them?

- Encourage your child to speak and give him a chance. Try to be a good listener.
- Respond when he speaks.
- Talk about subjects that interest him
- Make easy and short sentences.
- Complete the word or expression that he can't say.
- Repeat the words and use them into sentences.
- Use new words to develop his vocabulary.
- When he uses wrong expressions, correct it by repeating it

