COCHLEAR IMPLANT PROGRAM

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AUDILOGISTS
Our highly trained, state-licensed audiologists are with you every step of the way.

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW  
The Cochlear Implant Program at MU Health Care offers a full range of care for adult and pediatric patients. Our team consists of experts from multiple specialties all working together to support implant candidates and recipients, as well as their family. With a goal to maximize each patient’s hearing potential, we empower our patients to participate in their care and make it as personalized as possible.

THE TEAM  
Our cochlear implant team is extensively trained in areas related to deafness. Members include:

• An otologist (surgeon who specializes in ear illnesses and injuries)
• Audiologists
• Speech-language pathologists
• Deaf educators
• Clinical psychologists

THE PROGRAM  
The cochlear implant team works together to provide a fully-coordinated program from the initial evaluation to the post-procedure process. This includes:

• Education
• Evaluation for eligibility
• Surgery
• Postoperative electrophysiological testing
• Cochlear implant programming
• Ongoing aural rehabilitation

CANDIDATE EVALUATION  
Adults or children who meet the following criteria are generally considered eligible for cochlear implants:

• Severe to profound hearing loss
• Limited benefit from hearing aids
• A healthy understanding of realistic expectations
• Medically cleared for surgery
• Ability to participate in aural rehabilitation

WHAT DOES THE EVALUATION INCLUDE?  
Every potential candidate receives a personalized evaluation from the team. This evaluation helps candidates and their family members make informed decisions regarding a cochlear implant. Evaluations may include:

• Audiological (hearing) assessment
• ENT examination
• Cochlear implant orientation
• Baseline auditory skill assessment
• Baseline speech and language evaluation
• Expectations discussion
• CT and/or MRI
• Vestibular (balance) evaluation

Call (573) 882-HEAR (4327) to schedule your initial evaluation with our cochlear implant team today.