



TABLE 12.6 Guidelines for Cochlear Implants: Who Might Benefit?

Age Range	Guidelines
Young Children: 12 months to 2 years	<p>Does your child have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Profound sensorineural hearing loss (nerve deafness) in both ears?• Lack of progress in development of auditory skill with hearing aid or other amplification?• High motivation and realistic expectations from family?• Other existing medical conditions that won't interfere with cochlear implant procedure?
Children: 2 to 17 years	<p>Do you have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Severe-to-profound sensorineural hearing loss (nerve deafness) in both ears?• Little or no benefit from hearing aids?• Lack of progress in the development of auditory skills?• High motivation and realistic expectations from family?
Adults: 18 years and older	<p>Do you have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Severe-to-profound sensorineural hearing loss in both ears?• Little or no useful benefit from hearing aids?• Scores of 50% or less on sentence recognition tests in the ear to be implanted and 60% or less in the nonimplanted ear or bilaterally?