

Cochlear Implant Candidacy Overview

Welcome to Puget Sound Ear, Nose and Throat Care Center! We are excited for you to take the next step towards better hearing. In this document, you will find important information to review prior to your Cochlear Implant (CI) evaluation. Most patients are pleasantly surprised to hear that most insurances, including Medicare, cover cochlear implants for qualified candidates.

There are two parts to CI candidacy that are essential to determining if you are a candidate for a CI.

1. **Audiology CI evaluation:** During this 90-minute appointment, your audiologist will perform a series of tests to determine if you are a candidate for a CI hearing wise. Unlike a traditional hearing test, this evaluation is performed in the sound booth while you wear hearing aids.
2. **Medical Evaluation:** Patients will start with a CT scan here in our office. Next, patients will meet with the CI surgeon, Daniel Lee, M.D. At this appointment, Dr. Lee will review the results of your CI evaluation and CT scan and discuss surgical procedure and considerations.

What to bring to the CI evaluation:

1. Current hearing aids and ear molds
2. Audiology Records: hearing tests and real ear verification results
3. Family member or friend