



FACTS ABOUT... HEARING AIDS & COCHLEAR IMPLANTS

HEARING AIDS

- ✓ Only one out of five people that could benefit from hearing aids actually wear them. If you think you might have a hearing loss, visit your doctor. He or she may refer you to an otolaryngologist or an audiologist to determine the cause, type and extent of your hearing problem and whether hearing aids will help you.
- ✓ The hearing aid fitting process typically consists of 6 stages: assessment, treatment planning, selection, verification, orientation and validation.
- ✓ 60% of individuals with hearing loss are fit with two hearing aids.

COCHLEAR IMPLANTS

- ✓ Approximately 25,000 people in the US have Cochlear Implants.
- ✓ Nearly half of all Cochlear Implant recipients are children.
- ✓ Cochlear Implants can help an estimated 200,000 children in the US who do not benefit from hearing aids.
- ✓ The demand for Cochlear Implants is increasing annually by 20%.
- ✓ By the time a child with hearing loss graduates from high school, as much as \$420,000 can be saved in special education costs if the child is identified and given appropriate early intervention.

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