

Assessment procedures

AUDIOLOGIST

- Consultation & first interview
- Information regarding Cochlear implantation & realistic expectations
- Confirmation of hearing loss and optimal fitting of hearing aids
- Hearing evaluation - with & without hearing aids
- ABR assessment to confirm the degree of hearing loss
- Discussion of cochlear implantation process
- Referral to team members for further assessment

ENT

- Clinical evaluation: general ear, nose & throat evaluation
- MRI & CT scans
- Treatment of underlying medical conditions
- Vaccination against meningitis
- Pre-operative evaluation - 1 week before operation
- Implantation

SPEECH THERAPIST

- Speech & language assessment
- Communication assessment
- Discussion of rehabilitation process pre- and post implantation

PSYCHOLOGIST

- Psychological assessment - identification of risk factors
- Assessment of support network
- Impact of CI on patient, family and significant others
- Psychotherapy if indicated

TEAM MEETING

- Every 1st Monday evening of the month
- All team members discuss cases and make decisions about candidacy for cochlear implantation
- Outcome communicated with the patient & family