

PEDIATRIC COCHLEAR IMPLANT PROGRAM

COMPREHENSIVE, FULL-SERVICE PROGRAM

Situated on New Jersey's only pediatric academic health campus in New Brunswick, the Pediatric Cochlear Implant Program at The Bristol-Myers Squibb Children's Hospital (BMSCH) at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital provides centralized access to the only comprehensive program in the state dedicated to children. This program offers the full-range of services spanning the patient lifecycle, including:

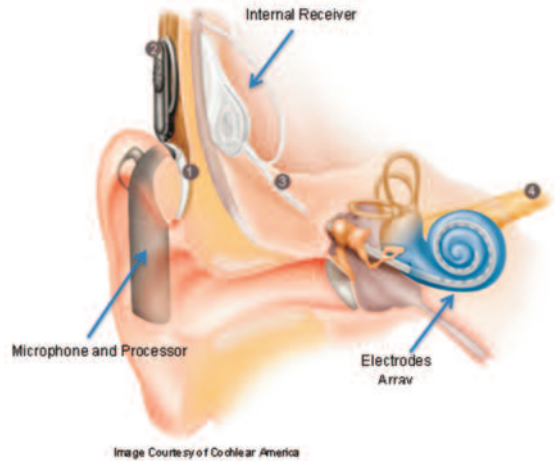
- A predetermined set of outpatient appointments on campus with multiple specialists (candidate evaluation and selection is determined by the results of these appointments)
- Implantation of the device (at the Center for Advanced Pediatric Surgery at BMSCH)
- Device activation and programming at our outpatient audiology center

The scope of our program ranges from treating infants and adolescents to teenagers, all with severe to profound sensorineural hearing loss (nerve deafness).

TEAM-BASED CARE

The Pediatric Cochlear Implant Program at BMSCH is led by two fellowship-trained surgeons from the Department of Pediatric Otolaryngology at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School as well as a select group of RWJ clinicians including:

- Pediatric Nurse Practitioner
- Pediatric audiologist
- Pediatric speech and language pathologist
- Social worker
- Clinical psychologist
- Medical geneticist



THE DEVICE/TECHNOLOGY

Cochlear implants are safe, FDA-approved devices and/or treatments.

The Pediatric Cochlear Implant Program at BMSCH offers the two most commonly used cochlear implant systems on the market:

- Advanced Bionics
- Cochlear Americas

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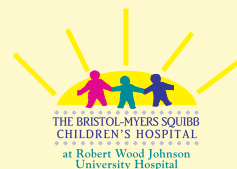
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DETERMINING CANDIDACY

Early intervention is key, so patients begin the program by building their profile through a series of evaluation appointments, including:

- Full audiology exam
- Complete speech, language and listening evaluation
- Visit with a developmental and psychological specialist
- Medical and Presurgical evaluations with pediatric otolaryngologist
- Visit with a medical geneticist

All candidates will have had limited benefit with appropriately fit hearing aids for at least three months.



ESSENTIAL REHABILITATION

Cochlear implant(s) are a lifelong commitment.

Following surgery, essential rehabilitation is required and provided by the Pediatric Cochlear Implant Program at BMSCH.

To achieve the maximum benefit from a cochlear implant, patients need ongoing, consistent rehabilitation. Highly-trained pediatric audiologists and speech/language pathologists at the Pediatric Cochlear Implant Program at BMSCH work collaboratively to develop individualized treatment plans for long-term follow-up care and rehabilitation. They continue to consult with other clinicians from the team to achieve optimal outcomes.

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