



Cochlear Implants: Do they meet their expectations ?

**For Audiologists, Speech-Language Therapists
& Ear-Nose-Throat Specialists**



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**Presented by the Department of Communication
Pathology (University of Pretoria)**





PROGRAMME

- 07:30 - 08:00 Registration
- 08:00 - 08:30 Welcome & Introduction
Prof Dr Bart Vinck
Head of Department Communication Pathology, UP
Chair UP-CIU Cochlear Implant Unit
- 08:30 – 09:30 Hearing Aids vs. Cochlear Implants: a war between two giants?
Advantages versus Disadvantages
Prof Dr Bart Vinck
Head of Department Communication Pathology, UP
Chair UP-CIU Cochlear Implant Unit
- 09:30 - 10:30 What can we expect of normally-developing children implanted at a young age regarding their auditory, linguistic and cognitive skills?
Prof Dr Astrid van Wieringen
ExpORL, Department Neurosciences, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium
- 10:30 - 11:00 Tea/Coffee Break
- 11:00 - 11:30 Clinical Profile and Outcomes of a group of pediatric cochlear implant recipients in South Africa.
Talita Le Roux
Department of Communication Pathology, UP
- 11:30 - 12:30 "What underlies variation in performance with a cochlear implant"
Prof Dr Johan Hanekom / Prof Dr Tania Hanekom
Group Head Bioengineering, UP / Bioengineering, UP
- 12:30 Questions & Answers
Closure of the seminar





COURSE BROCHURE

Course Contents

As a result of neonatal hearing screening and subsequent early cochlear implantation profoundly deaf children have access to important information to master spoken language skills at a young age. Nevertheless, outcome measures still reveal great variability in individual performance with some children with CI(s) acquiring language skills within normal limits while performance of other children remains far below average. This half day course focuses on understanding the causes of this variation which allows clinicians to offer better prognoses to CI candidates and efficient follow-up and rehabilitation.

Course Structure and Venue

This is a **half day course** presented at the **Department of Communication Pathology, University of Pretoria Main Campus**.
Parking is available at the UP Parkade for R20.

Assessment and Accreditation

A certificate of attendance with 4 CPD points will be issued to all delegates.

Course Fee

The course fee is R250 per delegate and includes all course notes, tea and refreshments.

Registration and Enquiries

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