

# Cochlear Implants: NIDCD Fact Sheet | Hearing and Balance

This [fact sheet](#) from the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD) provides information on cochlear implants including:

- What is a cochlear implant?
- How does a cochlear implant work?
- Who gets cochlear implants?
- How does someone receive a cochlear implant?
- What does the future hold for cochlear implants?
- Where can I find additional information about cochlear implants?

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- American Sign Language
- Assistive Devices for People with Hearing, Voice, Speech, or Language Disorders
- Auditory Neuropathy
- Captions for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Viewers
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