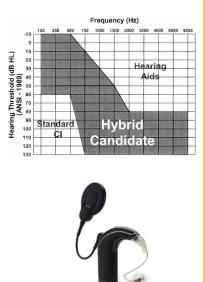




### **CANDIDACY CRITERIA** · Children as young as age I • Severe to profound hearing loss Hearing Threshold in dBHL 20 — 30 — 40 — 50 — Do Not Consider in both ears for Implant · Limited benefit from 60 70 80 90 Consider for Implan Assessment amplification as measured by speech perception scores (when possible) or Definitely Consider for an Implant 100 110 questionnaires + objective 120 measures (very young children) 130 125 250 500 1000 2000 4000 8000 · Slight differences in qualifying Frequency (Hz) criteria across manufacturers

# EVOLVING CANDIDACY CRITERIA

- Children younger than age I
- Individuals might have more residual hearing
  - Not just severe-profound loss, can be as low as moderate loss (with poor word recognition abilities)
  - Hybrid cochlear implants part HA and part CI
- · Individuals with unilateral hearing loss
  - Might even have normal hearing in one ear
- · Bilateral cochlear implants
  - Sequential or simultaneous

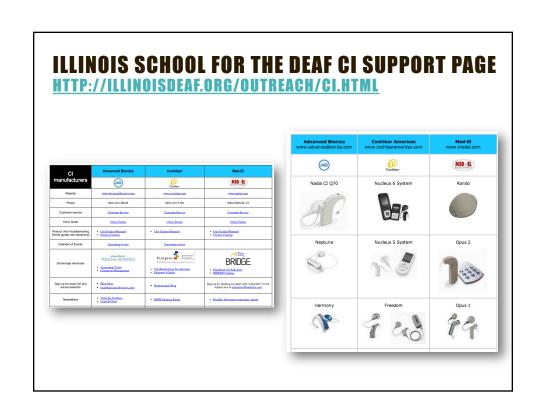


# TRENDS Cl and HA companies forming an alliance Advanced Bionics and Phonak Cochlear and ReSound Neuro\* and Oticon Systems that include a HA or receiver for the non-implanted ear (contralateral routing of signal [CROS] devices) Wireless accessory choices in patient kits Waterproof options

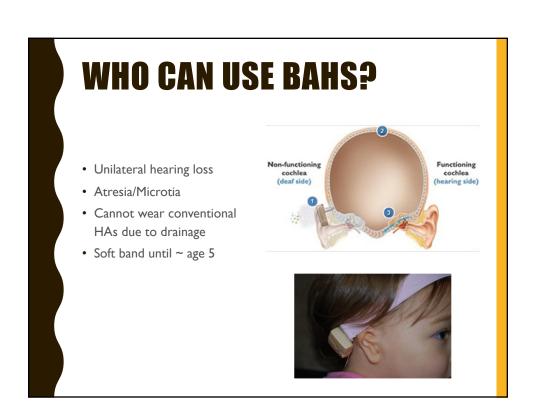
## EACH INDIVIDUAL'S PROGRESS IS DIFFERENT

- · Some can hear lots of environmental sounds
- · Some like that CIs help with lipreading
- Some love that they can listen to music more
- Some can understand speech with people that they know (e.g., family members) without lipreading
- Some can talk on the phone
- · Some never benefited from their CI and don't use it













## **CARE/MAINTENANCE/USE**

- Keep hair, hats, etc. from covering the microphone to reduce chance of feedback
- · If the child has an abutment:
  - Make sure to clean around the post regularly
  - Contact the physician ASAP if there is swelling, redness, oozing or pain coming from the site
- · If using a headband:
  - Make sure to replace regularly to reduce it becoming too loose











