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When to refer your clients for a cochlear implant evaluation

If your client meets one or both of the criteria below, consider them for a full cochlear implant candidacy evaluation.*

Pure Tone Average
(0.5, 1, 2 kHz)
greater or equal to
60 dB¹
in the better ear

Speech
Understanding
less than or equal to
60%¹
in the better ear

Even after being fit appropriately with hearing aids, potential cochlear implant candidates often continue to describe:

- Feeling stressed or tired from trying to hear
- Hearing, but not understanding words
- Difficulty communicating one-on-one, even in a quiet room
- Trouble hearing on the phone
- No longer enjoying music
- Relying on lip-reading
- Needing captions for TV
- Avoiding social situations and activities
- Feeling anxious when moving around outside, not hearing traffic or other environmental sounds



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*This is a recommendation of when an adult should be referred for a cochlear implant candidacy assessment, but does not guarantee candidacy based on adult indications. Note: Advanced Bionics cochlear implants are indicated for adults with severe to profound bilateral sensorineural hearing loss (≥ 70 dB HL). Link: <https://www.advancedbionics.com/ifu/en/us-en.html>

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