



Resources About Hearing Loss, Cochlear Implants, and Meningitis

The following table includes website addresses, contact information, and brief descriptions for organizations, agencies, and corporations that provide information related to hearing loss, cochlear implants, or meningitis. Websites of the U.S. government are indicated by the phrase "(Federal Website)" after the name of the agency. Each entry is organized into one or more of the following 13 categories:

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Telephone English: 800-232-2522 Spanish: 800-232-0233 Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 11 p.m. EST

TTY: 800-243-7889 (Available Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 11 p.m. EST)

You can also check CDC's website for the full text article at: http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/ehdi

Cochlear Implant-Meningitis Study

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Program (Federal Website)

Provides information about the Cochlear Implant-Meningitis Study and answers to commonly asked questions.

www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/ehdi/

Phone: 800-232-2522 TTY: 800-243-7889

E-mail: Cochlearinfo@cdc.gov

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) (Federal Website)

Provides a copy of the public health web notification from the FDA that cochlear implant recipients might be at greater risk for meningitis.

www.fda.gov phone: 1-888-463-6332

Meningitis

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); Division of Bacterial and Mycotic Diseases (Federal Website)

Provides answers to frequently asked questions about meningitis.

www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dbmd/diseaseinfo/meningococcal_g.htm National Center for Infectious Diseases, CDC

Meningitis Foundation of America

Provides information about the treatment, recovery, and prevention of meningitis. Also includes articles and answers to frequently asked questions.

www.musa.org Phone: 800-668-1129

National Institutes of Health (NIH); National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) (Federal Website)

Provides information about meningitis, treatment, and prognosis.

 $www.ninds.nih.gov/health_and_medical/disorders/encmenin_doc.htm$

NIH Neurological Institute Phone: 800-352-9424 TTY: 301-468-5981

U.S. National Library of Medicine; MEDLINE plus (Federal Website)

Provides an online (requires a Flash plug-in) or printable tutorial on meningitis that includes information about causes, symptoms, diagnosis, treatment, complications, and vaccination. http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/tutorials/meningitis.html Information available in Spanish www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/spanish/tutorials/meningitisspanish.html

U.S. National Library of Medicine E-mail: custserv@nlm.nih.gov

Vaccine Information

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) National Immunization Program (NIP) (Federal Website)

Provides information on the use of vaccines for the prevention of meningitis in people with cochlear implants. www.cdc.gov/nip/issues/cochlear/cochlear-gen.htm

Phone: 800-232-2522 English 800-232-0233 Spanish E-mail: NIPINFO@cdc.gov

Pneumococcal Information

American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)

AAP Policy Statement: "Prevention of Pneumococcal Infections, Including the Use of Pneumococcal Conjugate and Polysaccharide Vaccines and Antibiotic Prophylaxis (RE9960)." www.aap.org/policy/re9960t.html

The American Academy of Pediatrics

Phone: 847-434-4000 E-mail: kidsdocs@aap.org

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); National Immunization Program (NIP) (Federal Website)

Provides information about the pneumococcal vaccine. www.cdc.gov/nip/publications/VIS/vis-PneumoConjugate.pdf Phone: (800)232-2522 English (800)232-0233 Spanish

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) (Federal Website)

MMWR Recommendation and Report: "Preventing Pneumococcal Disease Among Infants and Young Children." www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr4909a1.htm Epidemiology Program Office CDC

E-mail: mmwrq@cdc.gov

Cochlear Implant Manufacturers

Advanced Bionics

Produces the Clarion CII Bionic Ear HiFocus

Cochlear Implant.

www.advancedbionics.com

Advanced Bionics Corporation

Phone: 800-678-2575 TDD: 800-678-3575

E-mail: info@advancedbionics.com

Cochlear Corporation

Produces the Nucleus 24 Contour Cochlear Implant. www.cochlear.com

Information available in Spanish www.cochlear.com/Recipients/538.asp Cochlear Corporation

Toll Free: 800-523-5798 Fax: 303-792-9025

Med El

Produces the Combi 40+ Cochlear Implant.

www.medel.com

Information available in Spanish

Phone: 919-572-2222

www.medel.com/welcome/medel_spa.html

E-mail: implants@medelus.com

Corporate and Industry Sponsored Websites

Advanced Bionics

Information about U.S. bacterial meningitis vaccination reim bursement program for Clarion Implant users in America.

Phone: 877-779-0229 TTY: 800-678-3575

www.cochlearimplant.com/vaccine/reimbursement.html

E-mail: insurance@advancedbionics.com

Better Hearing Institute (BHI)

Nonprofit corporation that is jointly funded by the manufacturers and suppliers who make-up the hearing industry in the United States. The organization has produced public service announcements about hearing loss and the importance of appropriate treatment, operated a call center where consumers could ask questions about hearing loss, and distributed brochures.

Better Hearing Institute Phone: 703-684-3391 www.betterhearing.org Email: mail@betterhearing

Hear-it AISBL

International website that is sponsored by members of the hearing industry from across the world. Provides information to increase awareness of hearing loss.

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Phone: +45 86 76 16 20 (interim)

www.hear-it.org

E-mail: hear-it@hear-it.org

Information About Cochlear Implants

Cochlear Implant Association, Inc (CAIA)

A nonprofit organization that provides support, information, and access to local support groups for adults and children who have cochlear implants, or who are interested in learning about cochlear implants.

Cochlear Implant Association, Inc.

Phone: 202-895-2781 www.cici.org E-mail: info@cici.org

Cochlear Implant Education Center (CIEC), Gallaudet University

A part of the Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center that provides information about cochlear implants.

Debra Nussbaum Phone: 202-651-5638

clerccenter.gallaudet.edu/CIEC/meningitis9-021.html

E-mail: Debra.Nussbaum@gallaudet.edu

National Institutes of Health (NIH); National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD) (Federal Website)

Provides answers to questions about cochlear implants, such as "what does the future hold for cochlear implants?"

NIDCD Information Clearinghouse

Phone: 800-241-1044 TTY: 800-241-1055

www.nidcd.nih.gov/health/hearing/coch.asp#e

E-mail: nidcdinfo@nidcd.nih.gov

Hearing Loss Information

My Baby's Hearing

Provides information about infant hearing loss, how the ear works, family issues, and some available intervention options.

Boys Town National Research

www.babyhearing.org

Boys Town National Research Hospital

Provides information about treatment, research, and education related to hearing loss.

Boys Town National Research Hospital

www.boystownhospital.org

Go Hear

Provides information for families of infants and children diagnosed with a hearing loss and the professionals who work with these individuals.

http://www.gohear.org/index.html

E-mail: info@gohear.org

Hereditary Hearing Loss Homepage

Provides current information on the genetic causes of hearing loss.

www.uia.ac.be/dnalab/hhh/

Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center (at Gallaudet University) Selected Reading and Resources on Multicultural Issues and Deaf Students

Resource list provides references on books and articles about multicultural issues among deaf students and national organizations involved with needs of deaf people from different ethnic origins.

Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center For general issues related to deafness, contact:

Anita Gilbert

Phone: 202-651-5051

clerccenter.gallaudet.edu/InfoToGo/409.doc E-mail: clearinghouse.infotogo@gallaudet.edu

National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management(NCHAM)

Provides information on newborn hearing screening programs, legislation, equipment, and other related issues.

NCHAM

Utah State University Phone: 435-797-3584 www.infanthearing.org

E-mail: mail@infanthearing.org

National Institutes of Health (NIH); National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD) (Federal Website)

NIDCD is the federal government's focal point for biomedical and behavioral research in human communication. Website provides information about hearing, ear infections, and deafness. National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders National Institutes of Health

Phone: 800-241-1044

TTY: 800-241-1055 www.nidcd.nih.gov/

E-mail: nidcdinfo@nidcd.nih.gov

Oral Deaf Education "MAKE joyful noise" information kit

Provides parents and pediatric professionals with resources and information about making educational and medical choices for deaf or hard-of-hearing children. The kit includes a handbook, video, copies of articles and a reading list for parents. This kit is free. www.oraldeafed.org/library/resources/prk/index.html Information kit available in Spanish E-mail: webmaster@oraldeafed.org

National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities(NICHCY)

National information and referral center that provides information on disabilities and disability-related issues, with a focus on those birth through 22 years of age.

NICHCY

Phone / TTY: (800) 695-0285

Fax: (202) 884-8441 www.nichcy.org Information available in Spanish www.nichcy.org/spanish.htm

E-mail: nichcy@aed.org

Hearing Loss Resources and Services

Hands and Voices

Resource guide that provides information about resources for the deaf and hard of hearing, including services and resources available to families and professionals.

Family Voices National Office

Phone: 800-422-0422 Fax: 505-872-4780

www.handsandvoices.org/resource_guide/01_intro.html

E-mail: kidshealth@familyvoices.org

John Tracy Clinic

Provides services to children with hearing loss without charge. Services include audiological testing, parent and infant programs, parent classes, a preschool, and a correspondence course that includes information about cochlear implants and auditory development.

General Information Phone: 800-522-4582 www.jtc.org/index.htm

Information available in Spanish www.jtc.org/Spanish/spindex.htm

Audiological Services Barbara Hecht,

E-mail: bhecht@johntracyclinic.org

Sky-HI Institute, Utah State University

Provides information related to the needs of children aged birth through 5 years of age with hearing loss.

SKI-HI Institute Utah State University Phone: 435-797-5600 TTY: 435-797-5584

coe.ed.usu.edu/skihi/index.html E-mail: skihi@cc.usu.edu

State Resources

Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center (at Gallaudet University)

Provides information about services available for deaf and

hard of hearing children in each state.

Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center

Gallaudet University

clerccenter.gallaudet.edu/InfoToGo/600.html For general issues related to deafness, contact:

Anita Gilbert

Phone: 202-651-5051

E-mail: clearinghouse.infotogo@gallaudet.edu

National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management (NCHAM)

Provides information about contacts and resources related to hearing loss available in each state.

NCHAM

Utah State University Phone: 435-797-3584 www.infanthearing.org/states/ E-mail: mail@infanthearing.org

National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities (NICHCY)

Provides a list of disability-related resources in each state. These lists include contact information about state agencies that serve children and youth with disabilities, parent training and information projects, and state chapters of disability organizations and parent groups.

NICHCY

Phone / TTY: 800-695-0285

Fax: 202-884-8441

www.nichcy.org/states.htm E-mail: nichcy@aed.org

Family Support

AG Bell

An international membership organization and resource center that offers members a wide range of programs and services and provides information on a vast array of issues pertaining to hearing loss to all inquirers.

AG Bell

Phone: 202-337-5220 TTY: 202-337-5221 Fax: 202-337-8314 www.agbell.org

American Society for Deaf Children (ASDC)

A national organization of families and professionals that supports parents and families to help create opportunities for children who are deaf and hard of hearing to gain full communication access, particularly through the use of sign language.

ASDC Headquarters Hotline: 800-942-2732 Phone/TTY: 717-334-7922

Fax: 717-334-8808 www.deafchildren.org E-mail: asdc@deafchildren.org

Boys Town National Research Hospital

Provides information about how some parents have responded to their child's hearing loss and the things that helped them cope with it.

Boys Town National Research Hospital www.babyhearing.org/Parent2Parent/index.asp

Family Voices

A national, grassroots organization that is a clearinghouse for education and information concerning the health care of children with special health needs.

FamilyVoices National Office Phone:1-888-835-5669 Fax:(505) 872-4780

www.familyvoices.org

E-mail: kidshealth@familyvoices.org

Hands & Voices

Hands & Voices is a non-profit, is a parent driven organization that provides support to families with children who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Families For Hands and Voices

Phone: 866-422-0422 www.handsandvoices.org

E-mail: parentadvocate@handsandvoices.org

Professional Organizations

American Academy of Audiology (AAA)

Provides consumer and professional resources related to hearing care.

American Academy of Audiology

Phone: 800-AAA-2336 Fax: 703-790-8631 www.audiology.org

American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery (AAO-HNS)

Provides health tips and information related to hearing disorders.

American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery

Phone: (703) 836-4444 www.entnet.org

E-mail: webmaster@entnet.orgria

American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)

Provides information, alerts, and resources related to the physical, mental, and social health of infants, children, adolescents, and young adults.

The American Academy of Pediatrics

Phone: (847) 434-4000

www.aap.org

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) Newborn & Infant Hearing Screening Action Center

Provides information on newborn hearing screening guidelines and current legislation.

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association

Phone: (800) 638-8255

www.asha.org

E-mail: actioncenter@asha.org

Spanish Resources

American Academy of Audiology (AAA)

Provides of list audiology terms translated into Spanish.

American Academy of Audiology

Phone: 800-AAA-2336 Fax: 703-790-8631

www.audiology.org/professional/codie/spenterms.php

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) Newborn & Infant Hearing Screening Action Center

ASHA website provides two Spanish-language brochures entitled "Ayundando al Bebé en el Desarrollo del Lenguaje para Facilitar el Aprendizaje y la Interacción" ("Newborn Hearing Screening: Helping Babies Develop Language for Learning and Interaction") and "Qué Tal Habla y Oye su Niño?" ("How Does Your Child Hear and Talk?"). These brochures provide information about communication disorders in children and are available free of charge to consumers.

www.asha.org/press/Folletos-En-Espanol.cfm

Phone: 301-897-0156

American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery (AAO-HNS)

Provides health tips and information related to hearing disorders in Spanish.

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Phone: 703-836-4444

www.entnet.org/healthinfo/espanol/index.cfm

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Phone: 202-895-2781 www.cici.org/quees.html

Fact sheets: www.cici.org/factsheets.html

E-mail: info@cici.org

Cochlear Implant manufacturer

Includes Spanish materials entitled "Temas y Respuestas El Sistema de Implante Coclear Nucleus" ("Issues and Answers"), "Guía para los Padres Folleto para los Padres que están Considerando un Implante Cochlear para sus hijos" ("Parents Guide: A Handbook for Parents Considering a Cochlear Implant for their Child"), and "Guia para Maestros El Sistema de Implante Coclear Nucleusâ" ("Teachers Guide)." Information is in PDF format

Cochlear Corporation Toll Free: 800-523-5798 Fax: 303-792-9025

www.cochlear.com/Recipients/538.asp

Hands and Voices

Resource guide that provides information about resources for the deaf and hard of hearing, including services and resources available to families and professionals.

Familias de Colorado para Manos y Voces Phone (Número gratuito): 866-422-0422

www.handsandvoices.org/resource_guide/espanol/01_intro_esp.html (Guia de Recursos de Colorado en Espanol)

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www.jtc.org/Spanish/spindex.htm

Med El

Cochlear Implant manufacturer

Spanish version of the Med-El corporation website, which produces Cochlear Implants.

"Si usted desea obtener información adicional en español, por favor póngase en contacto con la oficina de MED-EL más cercana a usted. Puede ponerse en contacto directo con estas oficinas en las siguientes direcciones o utilizando nuestro formato de contacto en línea" www.medel.com/welcome/medel_spa.html

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www.nidcd.nih.gov/health/spanish/index.asp

E-mail: nidcdinfo@nidcd.nih.gov

U.S. National Library of Medicine; MEDLINE plus (Federal Website)

Provides an online (requires a Flash plug-in) or printable tutorial on meningitis that includes information about causes, symptoms, diagnosis, treatment, complications, and vaccination.

U.S. National Library of Medicine

www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/spanish/tutorials/

meningitisspanish.html

E-mail: custserv@nlm.nih.gov

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www.oraldeafed.org/library/resources/prk/index.html E-mail: webmaster@oraldeafed.org

State Health Departments

Alabama Dept. of Public Health

Phone: 334-206-5300

http://www.adph.org/aldph.asp

Alaska

Margaret Lanier Kossler

Dept. of Health & Social Services

Division of Public Health

Section of Maternal, Child & Family Health

Phone: 907-269-3466 http://health.hss.state.ak.us/ Arkansas Department of Human Services

Phone: 501-682-8650

http://www.state.ar.us/dhs/homepage.html

Arizona Dept. of Health Services

Phone: 602-542-1001 http://www.hs.state.az.us/

California Department of Health Services

Phone: 916-445-4171 TDD: 916-657-2861 http://www.dhs.ca.gov

Connecticut Department of Public Health

Phone: 860-509-8000 TDD: 860-509-7191 http://www.dph.state.ct.us

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

Phone: 303-692-2035

http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/cdphehom.asp

Delaware Health and Social Services

Phone: 302-255-9040 http://www.state.de.us/dhss

Florida Department of Health

Phone: 850-245-4443 http://www.doh.state.fl.us

Georgia Department of Human Resources

Division of Public Health Phone: 404-657-2700 http://health.state.ga.us

Hawaii Department of Health

Phone: 808-586-4400

http://www.state.hi.us/health/

Idaho Department of Health & Welfare

Phone: 208-334-5500

http://www2.state.id.us/dhw/

Illinois Springfield

Phone: 800-843-6154 TTY: 217-557-2134

Chicago

Phone: 312-793-2354 TTY: 312-793-2354 http://www.dhs.state.il.us/ Indiana State Department of Health

Phone: 317-233-1325

http://www.in.gov/isdh/programs/mch/

Iowa Department of Public Health Phone: 1-800-383-3826 or 515-242-5639

http://www.idph.state.ia.us/

Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Phone: 785-296-1500 http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/

Kentucky

Commission for Children with Special Health Care Needs

Phone: 800-232-1160

http://commissionkids.state.kv.us

Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals

Phone: 225-342-9500

http://www.oph.dhh.state.la.us/

Maine

Department of Human Services Maine Bureau of Health

Phone: 207-287-8016 TTY: 207-287-8066

http://www.state.me.us/dhs/boh/

Maryland

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Phone: 877-463-3464

http://www.dhmh.state.md.us/

Massachusetts Department of Public Health

Phone: 617 624-6000 TTY: 617-624-6001

http://www.state.ma.us/DPH/

Michigan Department of Community Health

Phone: 517-373-3500 TDD: 517-373-3573

http://www.michigan.gov/mdch

Minnesota Department of Health

Phone: 651-215-5800

http://www.health.state.mn.us/

Mississippi State Department of Health

Phone: 601-576-7400

whttp://ww.msdh.state.ms.us/

Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services

Phone: 573-751-6400

http://www.health.state.mo.us/

Montana

Department. of Public Health and Human Services

Child & Family Services Division

Phone: 406-444-5900

http://www.dphhs.state.mt.us/

Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

Phone: 402-471-2306 http://www.hhs.state.ne.us/

Nevada State Department of Human Resources

Nevada State Health Division

Phone: 775-684-4200 http://health2k.state.nv.us/

New Jersey

Department of Health and Senior Services

Phone: 609-292-7834

http://www.state.nj.us/health

New Mexico Department of Health

Phone: 505-827-2613

http://www.health.state.nm.us

New York State Department of Health

Phone: 212-268-7001

http://www.health.state.ny.us

New Hampshire Dept. of Health and Human Services

Phone: 603-271-4685

http://www.dhhs.state.nh.us/DHHS/DHHS_SITE

North Carolina

Division of Public Health

NC Department of Health and Human Services

Phone: 919-733-7081

http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dph/

North Dakota Department of Health

Phone: 888-246-2675

http://www.health.state.nd.us/

Ohio Department of Health

http://www.odh.state.oh.us

Oklahoma State Dept. of Health

Phone:405-271-5600

http://www.health.state.ok.us/

Oregon Dept. of Human Services

Phone: 503-945-5944

TTY: 503-947-5330

http://www.dhs.state.or.us/index.html

Pennsylvania Dept. of Health Phone: 877-PA-HEALTH

http://webserver.health.state.pa.us

Rhode Island Department. of Health

Phone: 401-222-2231 http://www.healthri.org

South Carolina Department. of Health and Environmental Control

Phone: 803-898-3432 http://www.scdhec.net

South Dakota State Department of Health

Phone: 605-773-3361

http://www.state.sd.us/doh

Tennessee Department of Health

Phone: 615-741-3111

http://www.state.tn.us/health/

Texas Department of Health

Phone: 512-458-7111 http://www.tdh.state.tx.us

Utah Department of Health

Phone: 801-538-6101 http://health.utah.gov

Vermont Department of Health

Phone: 802-863-7200 or 800-464-4343 (from within Vermont)

TTY/TDD: Dial 711 first

http://www.healthyvermonters.info

Virginia Department of Health

Phone: 804-786-3561 http://www.vdh.state.va.us/

Washington State Department of Health

Phone: 800-525-0127 (not valid outside of WA state)

http://www.doh.wa.gov

Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services

Phone: 608-266-1865 TTY: 608-267-7371

http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us

West Virginia Department of Health & Human Resources

Phone: 304-558-0684 http://www.wvdhhr.org

Wyoming Department of Health Community and

Family Health Division Phone: 307-777-6004

http://wdhfs.state.wy.us/WDH/