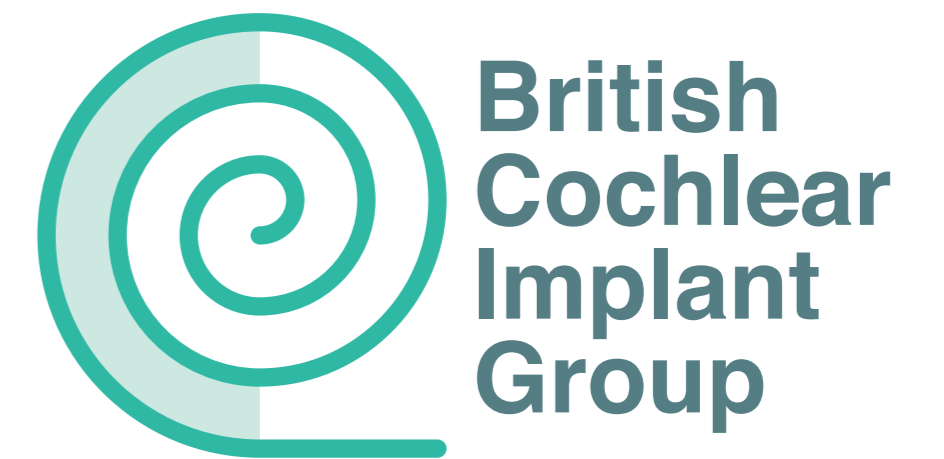
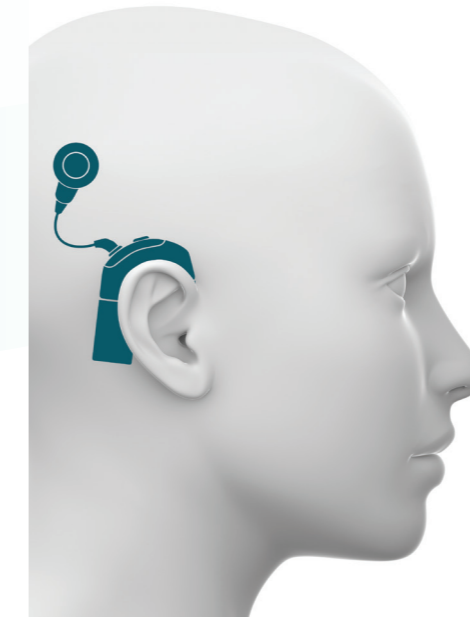
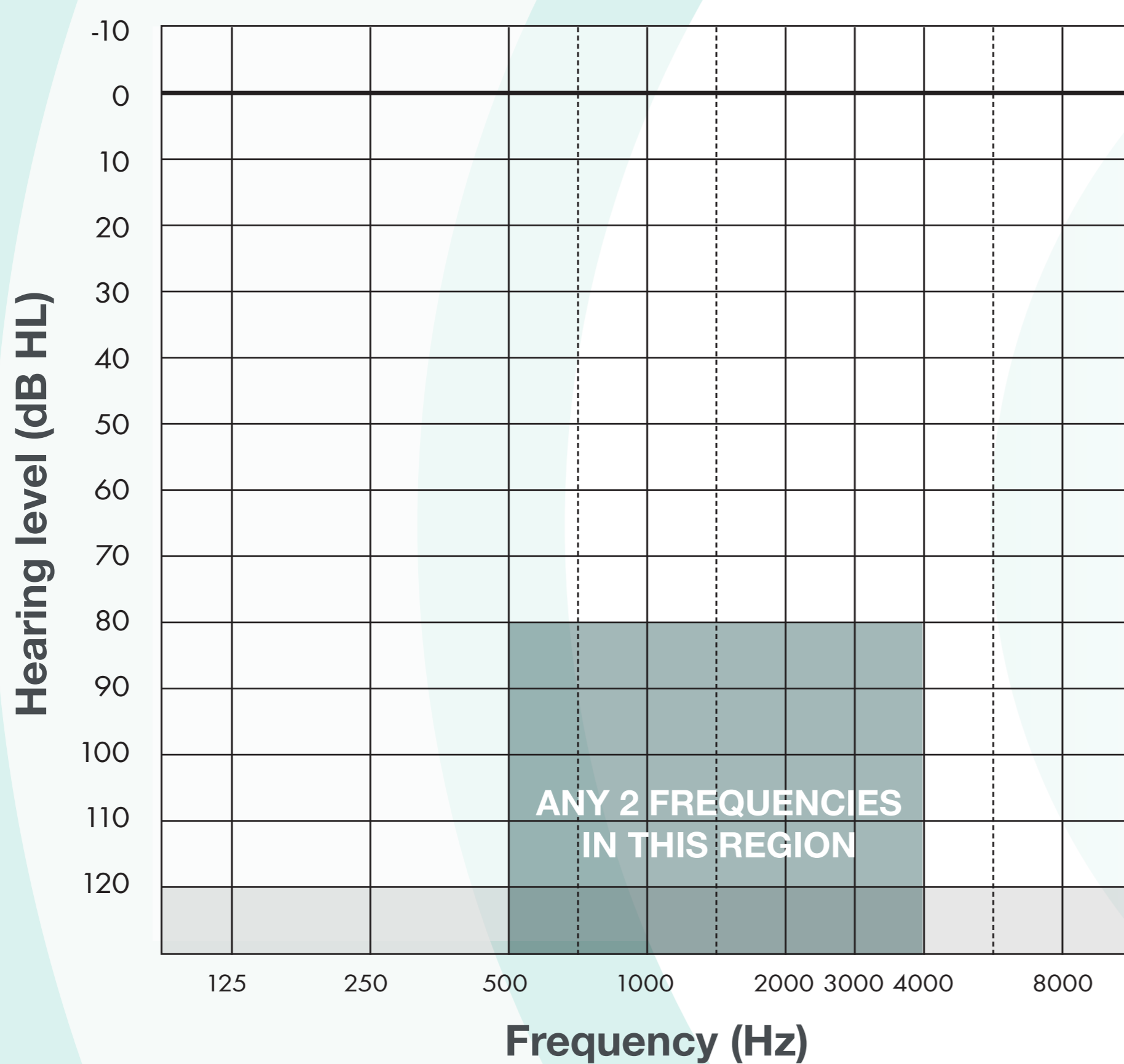


Cochlear Implant Referral Guide



Severe to profound hearing loss in both ears



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Cochlear implantation is recommended for severe to profound hearing loss in both ears for thresholds **equal to or greater than 80 dB HL at any 2 frequencies between 500 and 4000 Hz** (see green shaded area).

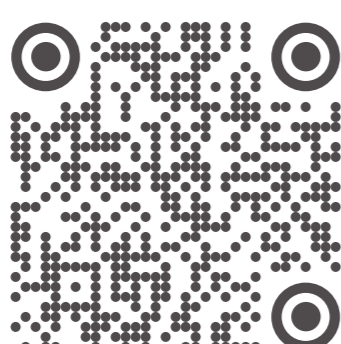
To be considered for an assessment, candidates need to be optimally aided and not receive adequate benefit from hearing aids. People deafened after bacterial meningitis should be referred as soon as possible.

- Adults are eligible for unilateral cochlear implantation.
- Adults who are registered blind and all children are eligible for bilateral cochlear implantation.

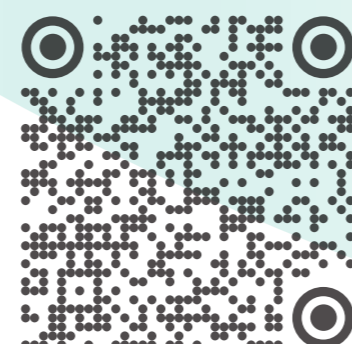
What to include in a referral (if available):

- Relevant audiological and medical history
- All previous audiograms including a recent one
- Previous objective measurements (Tymps, OAEs, ABRs, CAEPs)
- Current info on hearing aids and use
- Radiological information and reports
- Motivation for referral
- Any special requirements (interpreters, social support, etc.)
- Results of any aided speech assessment if available (i.e.: AB Words)

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BAA / BSA definition of "Optimally aided"



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