

Our Mission

Paparella Ear Head & Neck Institute is dedicated to providing broad-based diagnosis, innovative medical management, and the best of services for patients who need medical, surgical, or audiological care.

Where We Are

In addition to nine clinics throughout the Twin Cities and greater Minnesota, our physicians have admitting and surgical privileges at University of Minnesota/Fairview Riverside, Fairview Northland, Fairview Southdale, Abbott Northwestern, Children's Hospitals & Clinics, Mercy/Unity, North Memorial, Regions, United and Maple Grove Hospitals.

Hours and Appointments

8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday with extended hours until 7pm at some locations. To schedule an appointment, call 612-339-2836 or visit www.pehni.com.



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Eden Prairie

Fairview Eden Center Clinic
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Eden Prairie, MN 55344
866-316-0769 toll-free
612-339-2836

Elk River

Fairview Elk River Clinic
290 Main Street NW
Elk River, MN 55330
866-316-0769 toll-free
612-339-2836

Grantsburg

Burnett Medical Center
257 W Saint George Avenue
Grantsburg, WI 54840
800-293-5353 toll-free
715-463-5353

Hutchinson

Hutchinson Medical Center
3 Century Avenue
Hutchinson, MN 55350
800-944-2690 toll-free
320-234-3290

Maple Grove

North Memorial Medical
Office Building
9825 Hospital Drive
Suite LL-10
Maple Grove, MN 55369
866-316-0769 toll-free
612-339-2836

Minneapolis

Riverside Park Plaza
701 25th Avenue S
Suite 200
Minneapolis, MN 55454
866-316-0769 toll-free
612-339-2836

Mora

Allina Medical Center
331 South Highway 65
Mora, MN 55051
866-869-7308 toll-free
320-679-1313

Kanabec Hospital

301 South Highway 65
Mora, MN 55051
800-245-5671 toll-free
320-679-1212

Princeton

Fairview Princeton Clinic
919 Northland Drive
Princeton, MN 55371
866-316-0769 toll-free
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Sartell

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Sartell, MN 56377
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Cochlear Implantation

*Is it right for me
or my loved one?*



What is a cochlear implant?

A cochlear implant is a small electronic device designed to help to provide a sense of sound to a person who is deaf or severely hard-of-hearing.

How does a cochlear implant work?

In the normal ear, sound creates an electric current that stimulates the auditory nerve. Cochlear implants work in much the same way. Signals generated by the implant bypass damaged portions of the ear and are sent by way of the auditory nerve to the brain, which recognizes the signals as sound. Despite this similarity, hearing through a cochlear implant is different from normal hearing and takes time to learn or relearn.

How long have implants been used?

The first commercial devices were approved by the FDA in the mid-1980's. However, research with this device began in the 1950's.

According to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), as of April 2009, approximately 188,000 people worldwide have received implants.

In the United States, roughly 41,500 adults and 25,500 children have received implants.

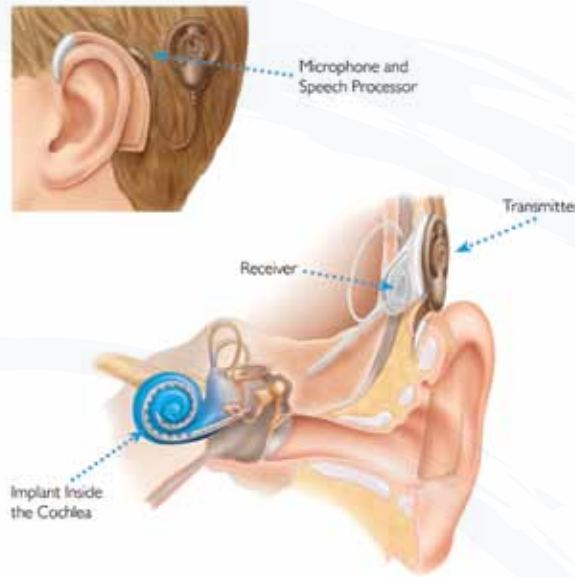


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How does someone receive an implant?

Use of a cochlear implant requires both a surgical procedure and therapy to learn or relearn the sense of hearing.

Who can benefit from cochlear implants?

Cochlear implants are designed to help adults and children who are deaf or severely hard-of-hearing who get little or no benefit from hearing aids. Those who experience any of the following may wish to consider a cochlear implant evaluation:

- Frequently ask people to repeat themselves in a quiet room;
- Depend on lip-reading to understand speech in a quiet room;
- Must guess a portion of most of the sentences in a quiet room;
- Has difficulties understanding speech on the telephone, and therefore avoids use of telephones.

What can I expect after implantation?

Hearing and speech results following cochlear implantation vary from person to person. When discussing what to expect following your implant, ask your doctor to share with you experiences of patients just like you.

Will my insurance cover the costs of receiving a cochlear implant?

In most cases, insurance does cover the costs of a cochlear implantation.

How do I begin the evaluation process?

Call Paparella Ear Head & Neck Institute at 612-339-2836 to schedule an appointment for a cochlear implant evaluation.

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