Managing Chronic Otitis Media in Children with Bone Conduction Hearing Devices

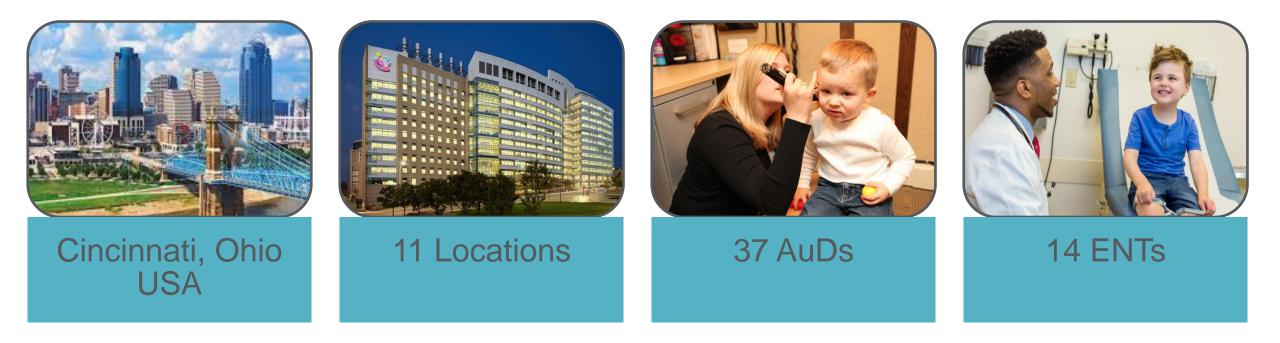
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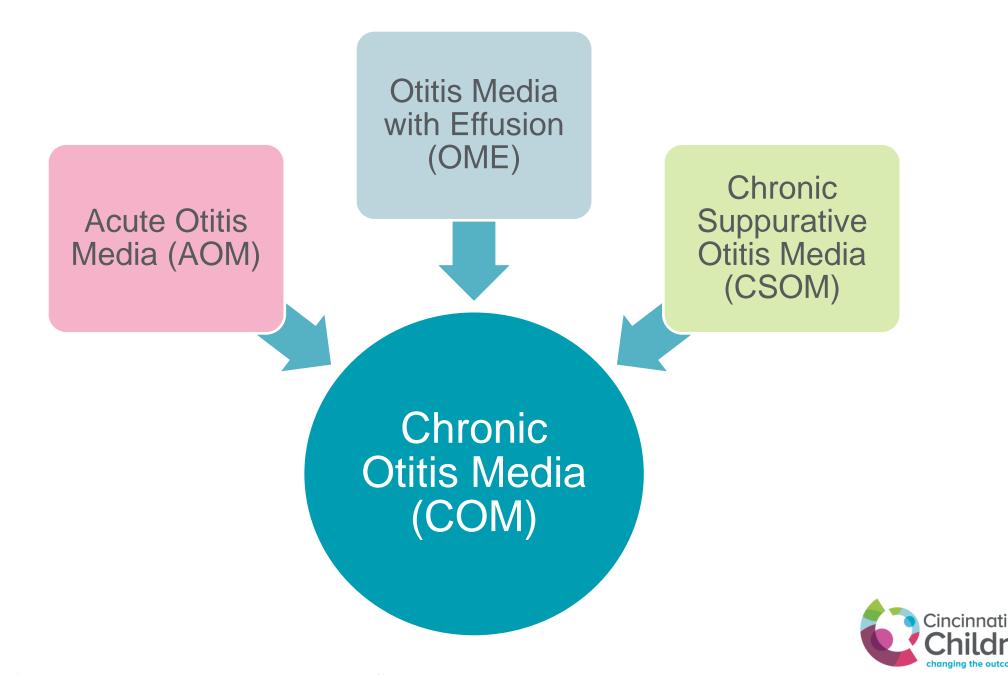
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COM Facts



Affects an estimated 65-330 million individuals¹ 60% have significant hearing loss



One of the most common diseases in young children²



Leading cause for medical consultation, antibiotic prescription and surgery in high-income countries²



80% of children are diagnosed with at least one ear infection by 3 yrs and over 50% by the age of 1 yr³

Middle ear disease and CHL may persist or fluctuate, despite treatment with pressure equalization tubes (PET)⁴



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COM Facts

Most common cause of childhood hearing loss¹



Recurrent OM in childhood is associated with hearing loss as an adult²



Early CHL is linked to listening and auditory processing deficits that persist after hearing has returned to normal^{3,4}



Fluctuating hearing loss associated with OM impacts speech and language development⁴



Academic performance can be impacted by fluctuating hearing loss and OM⁴



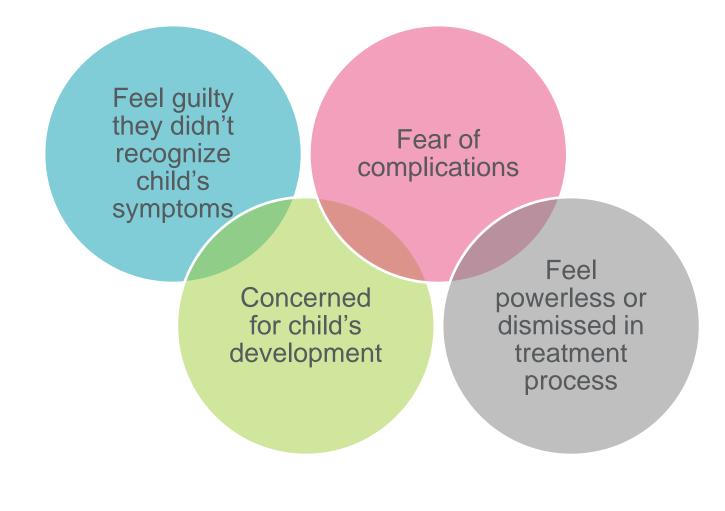
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Parental Perspectives of COM

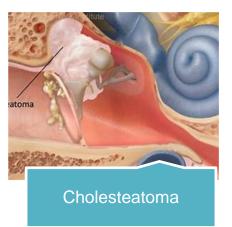








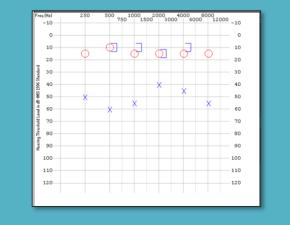






Middle ear surgery/reconstruction



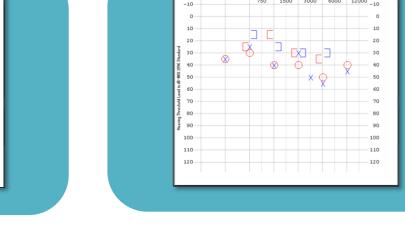


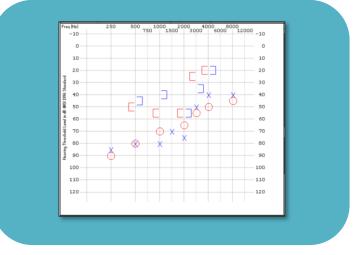
COM associated hearing loss is primarily conductive Persistent COM is linked to the development of significant SNHL¹

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Not every patient with COM associated hearing loss has normal baseline hearing



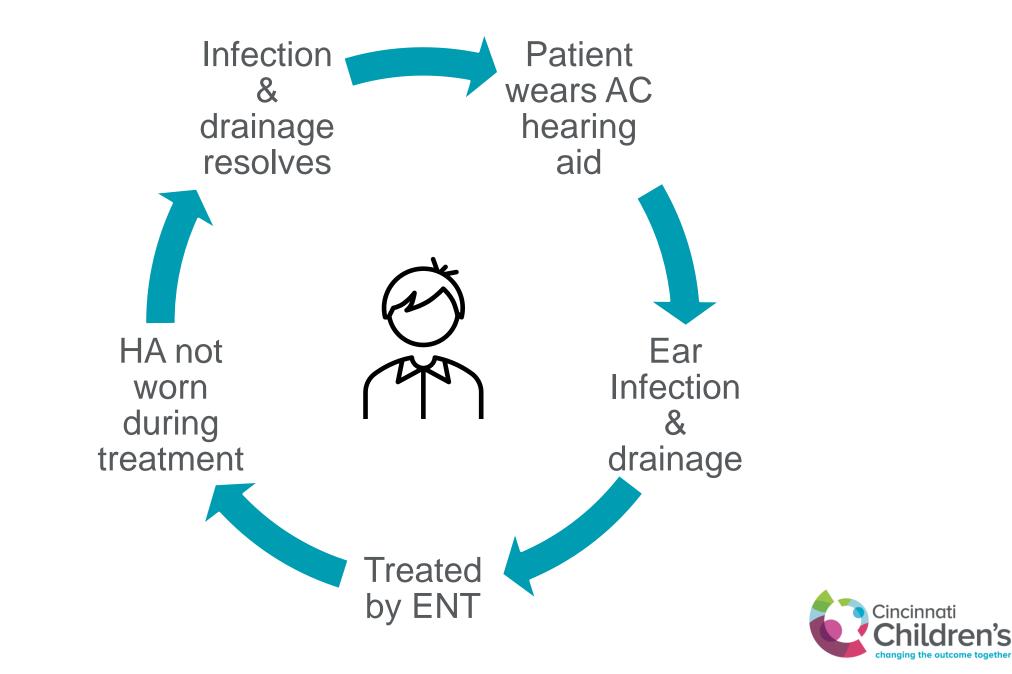




Air Conduction Hearing Devices







Bone Conduction Hearing Devices



Sound processor converts sound into vibrations and transfers directly to cochlea, via bone conduction.

Completely bypasses outer and middle ear



Benefits of BCHD



Ear canal remains open

Consistent hearing despite fluctuations associated with middle ear disease

Clinical flexibility

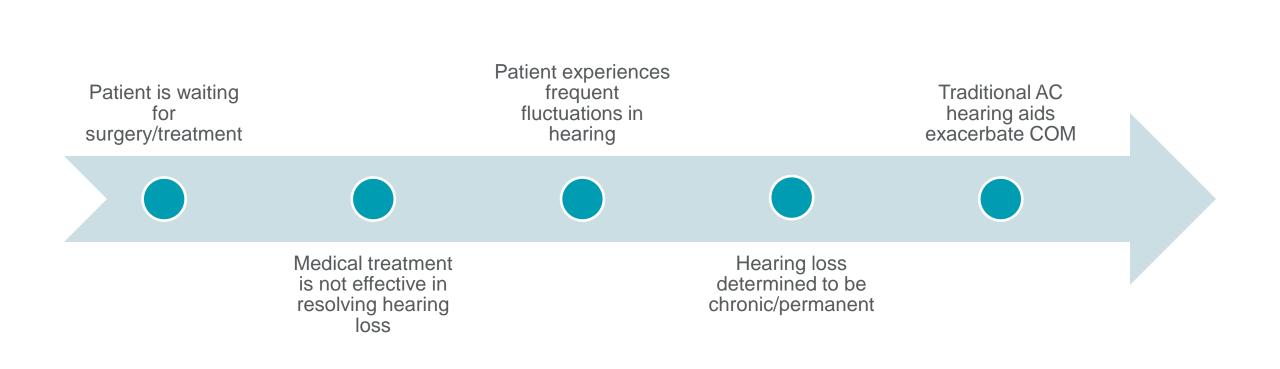
Surgical and non-surgical options

Good option when AC hearing aids fall short

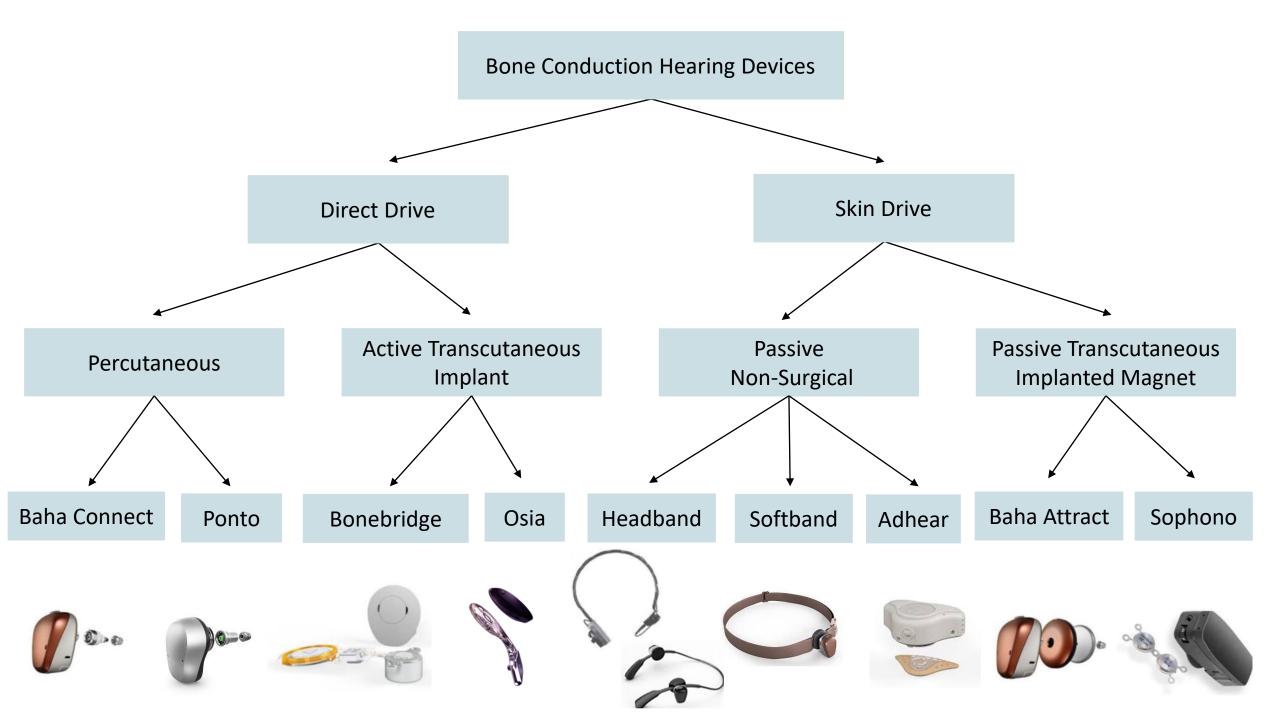
Current technology can fit BC losses up to 65 dB*



When to introduce BCHD









Skin Drive

Sound transmitted through skin/tissue before reaching bone

Concern for high frequency attenuation

Non-surgical options appropriate for infants

Non-surgical option good for temporary or intermittent hearing loss

Surgical option – 5+ yrs



















Direct Drive

Sound transmitted directly to bone

Most direct access point to sound

Better access to high frequency sounds



Surgical options – 5+ yrs (12+ yrs for active transcutaneous in US)

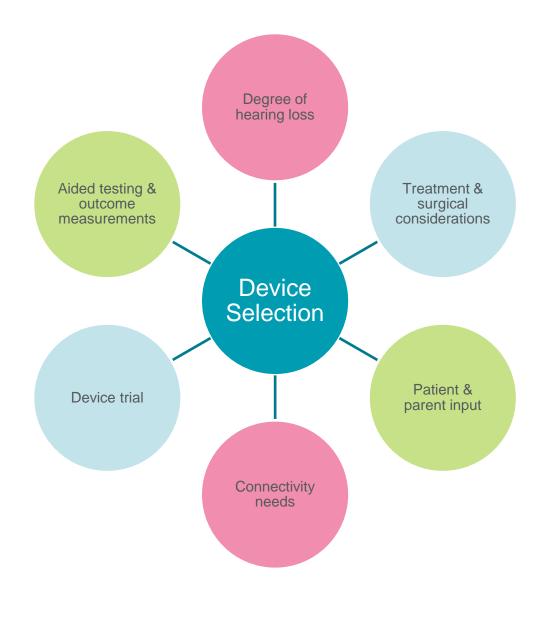














Follow Best Practice



Evaluation/Selection



Fitting
- In-Situ measures



Verification



Validation
 Aided speech perception testing
 Outcome Questionnaires



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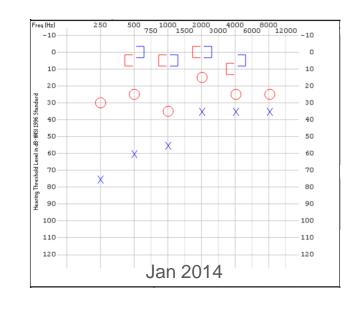


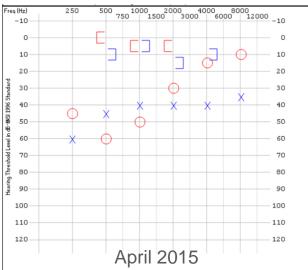
Case Examples

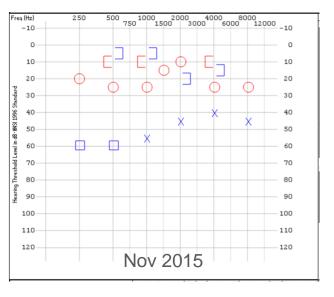


Case #1 – "H"

- 15 months
 - Bilateral PE tubes
- 6 yrs (2014)
 - Bilateral EUA Jan
 - Confirmed left cholesteatoma
 - Left tympanomastoidectomy Feb
 - Left tympanoplasty and Right EUA Dec
 - Confirmed right cholesteatoma
- 7 yrs (2015)
 - HA Evaluation Discussed
 - Currently using desktop FM system
- 8 yrs (2016)
 - Bilateral EUA Jan
 - Left tympanoplasty and ossicular reconstruction April
 - HA evaluation completed



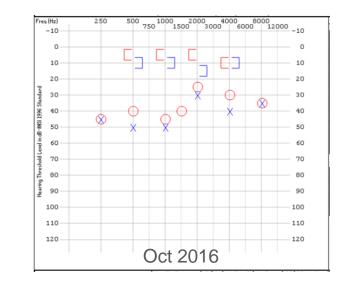


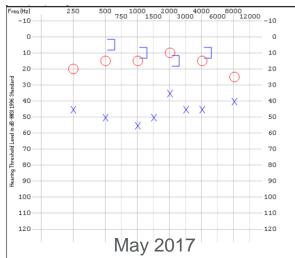


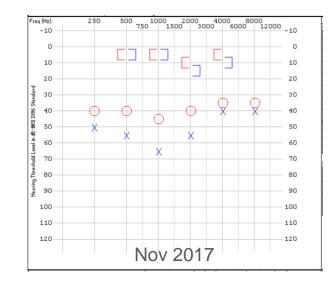


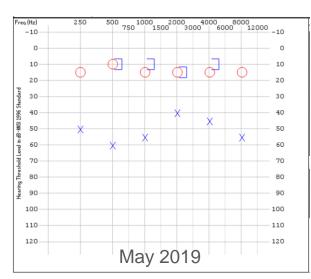
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- 8 yrs (2016) cont...
 - Hearing Aid Evaluation (Oct) and Fitting (Nov)
 - Left AC hearing aid fit ENT denied concerns for persistent drainage
 - Surgery scheduled for Right cholesteatoma HA not recommended at that time
 - Right tympanoplasty Dec
- 9 yrs (2017)
 - HA check w/ Audio (May)
 - Right WNL post- op
 - HA check w/ Audio (Nov)
 - Change in right ear hearing
- 10 yrs (2018)
 - Bilateral PE tubes (Jan)
- 11 yrs (2019)
 - HA check w/ Audio (May)
 - Right ear hearing WNL





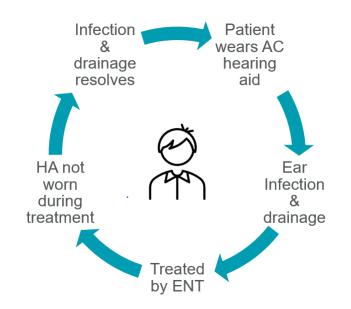




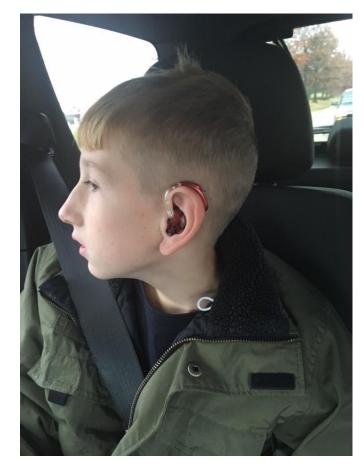


Case #1 - "H"

- 12 yrs (2020)
 - Bilateral PE tubes (Feb)
- 2020-2022
 - Experiences multiple episodes of drainage which prevents consistent HA use
 - ENT/Audiology make joint decision to discuss alternate amplification options
- 15 yrs (2022)
 - BCHD evaluation (Sept)
- 16 yrs (2023)
 - Bilateral PE tubes and Cochlear Osia surgery (Jan)
 - Osia activation (Feb)
 - Initial follow-up (March)
 - Reports he hears better with Osia than with previous amplification. Aided speech testing confirms good benefit







Nov 23 2016 FB post:

Big changes for Hayden today. When they put in on he was smiling from ear to ear. Wish I would have gotten a video. It made me tear up. So excited for this new adventure for him. Jan 11 2023 FB Post: Lucky #13 complete. He did great & now has an OSIA2 in his head. Here's to better hearing in the future.



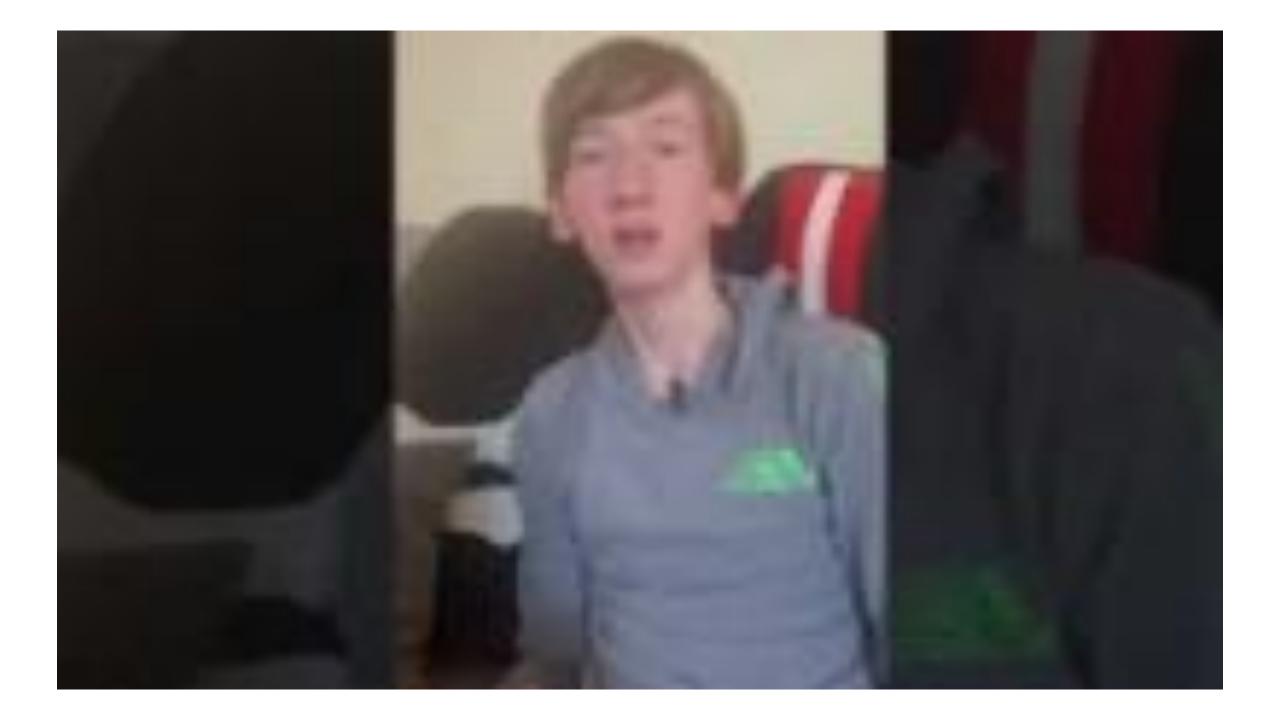




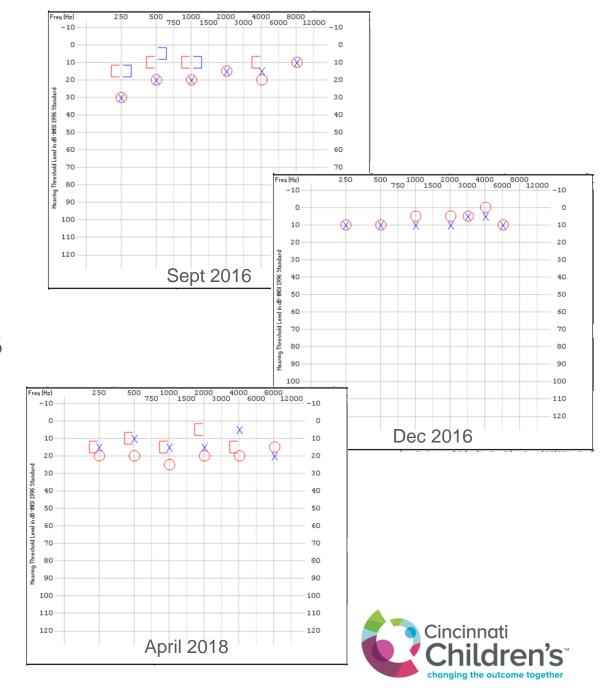
Feb 10 2023 FB Post: All turned on & working now. You can hardly see it with his long hair (the guide wire is just so he doesn't lose it while he is getting used to it).



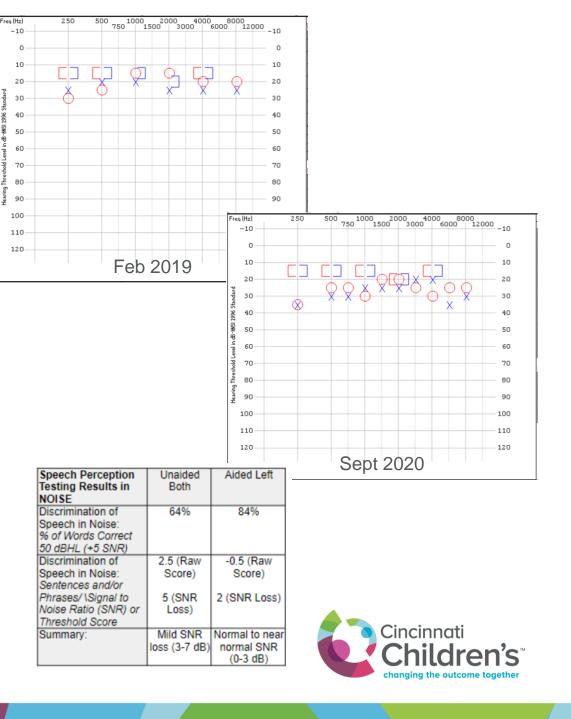




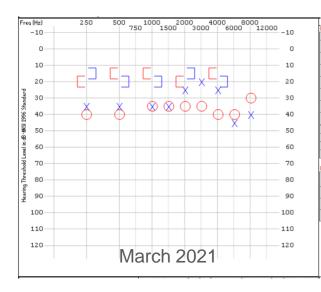
- Hx of PE tubes x 2, tonsils and adenoids removed
- 11 yrs (2016)
 - Audio = Low frequency CHL, Type B tympanograms (Sep)
 - PE tubes (Nov)
 - Audio = hearing WNL (Dec)
- 13 yrs (2018)
 - T-tubes (Feb)
 - Audio = Left WNL and Right slight CHL

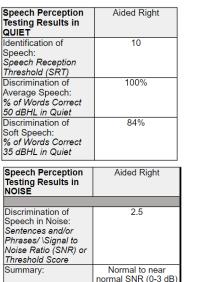


- 14 yrs (2019)
 - Audio = bilateral slight HL (Feb)
 - Patient reports difficulty hearing, primarily in situations with competing noise
 - ENT visit notes indicate "very mild auditory processing symptoms", mom not interested in APD eval
 - HA evaluation (April)
 - Discussed AC and BC options, fit with demo RITE aids
 - HA follow-up (May)
 - "E" reported struggling with too much low freq noise and background noise. Asked to try Adhear. Fit with loaner
 - BCHD follow-up (June)
 - "E" reported Adhear was more comfortable and preferred the sound quality over the RITE aids.
 - Fit with personal Left Adhear device (July)
- 15 yrs (2020)
 - BCHD follow-up w/ Audio shows change in hearing (Sep)
 - Aided speech in noise testing shows benefit with Adhear
 - Covid attends in-person school, teachers wearing masks and/or shields
 - · Wears device at school and for cheer
 - · Reports chronic infections and drainage in right ear
 - Fit with second loaner Adhere "E" reports feeling more balanced



- 15 yrs (2020) cont...
 - Right tymanoplasty (Nov)
- 16 yrs (2021)
 - BCHD check w/ Audio (March)
 - Hearing worse bilaterally
 - "E" reports she feels "the end of people's words 'drop off". Continued difficulties in school
 - ENT visit (March)
 - Offered tympanoplasty and reconstruction to hopefully improve hearing or can consider surgical BCHD
 - BCHD evaluation (Dec) •
 - Discussed multiple device options: AC vs BC, monaural vs binaural
- 17 yrs (2022)
 - Right sided Cochlear Osia surgery (March)
 - Osia activation (April)
 - BCHD check (May) •
 - "E" is very happy with device. Aided speech testing shows good benefit





Threshold Aided

15 dB HL

20 dB HI

15 dB HL

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LING-6 Sound Assessment LING 6 Sound

Assessment

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Lessons Learned

- No <u>"managing" audiologist</u> to push for amplification as she was seen by numerous audiologists though ENT clinic
- Hearing challenges were greater than expected for degree of hearing loss
- Parent advocating is what triggered intervention
- Post-covid school challenges increased academic difficulties
- Adhear was a good gateway to other BC technology
- Amplification made such an impact on her quality of life that she wrote a poem about her device and her college essay about her hearing journey





- CHARGE association
- Initial ABR (date unknown) indicated bilateral mild CHL
- 18 mo (2012)
 - Behavioral test
 - Hx semicircular canal abnormalities, developmental delay and persistent fluid in ears
 - Limited results obtained
 - Type B tympanograms bilaterally
 - Recommendation: ABR in OR following PE tubes



- 18 mo (2012) cont...
 - PE tubes and ABR
 - bilateral moderately-severe mixed hearing loss
 - Recommended HA evaluation
 - BTE hearing aids fit
- 2013 2016
 - HA check visits every 6-12 months
 - Behavioral testing limited
 - PE tubes 2 yrs, 3 yrs and 4 yrs
 - ABRs completed with procedures
 - PE tubes fall out very quickly
 - HA fluctuations expected with COM



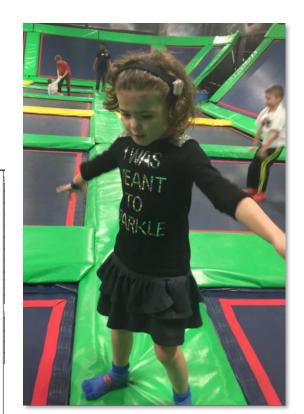
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| | 500 Hz | 1000 Hz | Clicks | 2000 Hz | 4000 Hz |
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| Right AIR | 50 dB | 60 dB | 50 dB | 55 dB | 45 dB |
| Right BONE | 25 dB | 40 dB | | | 40 dB |
| Left AIR | 50 dB | 70 dB | 70 | 65 dB | 65 dB |
| Left BONE | 25 dB | 30 dB | | 40 dB | 55 dB |



- 6 yrs (2017)
 - HA check
 - Behavioral testing = severe MHL
 - Parent reports consistent use and limited progress with speech
 - Concerns for continued ME fluid
 - BCHD loaner softband fitting
 - BCD follow-up
 - "M" accepted device well and parents noticed increased responses compared to AC HAs
 - PE tubes and ABR
 - Fit with bilateral Ponto 3 SP softband

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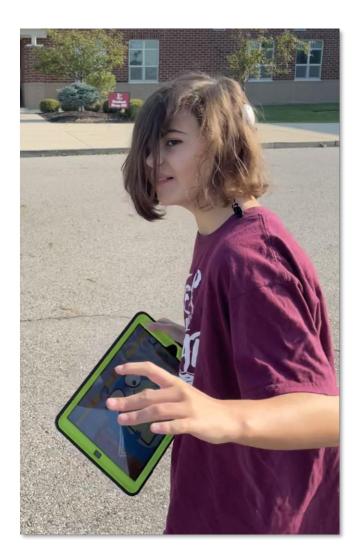
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| Right AIR | 50 | 65 | | 65 | 55 |
| Right BONE | 20 | 20 | | 30 | 30 |
| Left AIR | 50 | 60 | | 50 | 80 |
| Left BONE | 20 | 20 | | 30 | 30 |



- 2017 2022
 - Continued with regular BCHD checks
 - Surgical BCHD options discussed, parents chose to wait until "M" was old enough for the Cochlear Osia
- Feb 2023 (12 yrs)
 - Left Osia surgery
 - Left side chosen due to patient behaviors (laying on right side, pressing iPad to right side, etc)
 - Goal is for right sided surgery in future







Parent perspective:

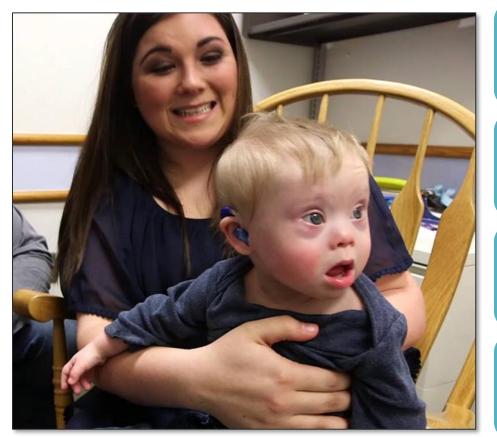
"Our transition over the years from unaided, to behind the ear, through softband to now implanted BAHA has been such a tremendous experience. To see the benefits presented with each device and my daughter's advancements made with each technological advance has been astounding. Most definitely notable the bone conductive devices versus behind the ear but even more significantly from soft band to implantation was incredible. I feel her independence has grown so much in the last several months and I am so excited to give her this opportunity each day when I put her device on."



Special Populations



Down Syndrome



Hearing loss is common among individuals with Down Syndrome, with an estimated prevalence of 40-80% throughout childhood and early adulthood.¹

CHL is the most common type of loss, comprising ~80% cases

40-60% of cases of CHL are attributed to COM²

Middle ear disease and CHL may persist or fluctuate, despite treatment with PE tubes³



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Case #4 – "W"

- Born at 31 weeks
 - Trisomy 21
 - Assisted ventilation
 - 10 weeks in NICU
 - g-tube at 2 months
- ABR at 2 months = normal hearing bilaterally
 - Recommended follow-up ABR at 4 months to monitor
- Behavioral test at 8 months
 - Cerumen occlusion
 - Flat tympanogram bilaterally
 - · Limited behavioral results obtained
 - Recommended ENT visit and retest hearing following treatment



Case #4 - "W"

- ENT visit w/ DS specialist at 9 months
 - Cerumen removal
 - TM partially visualized, unable to confirm fluid
 - Behavioral test
 - No parental concerns for hearing loss
 - Flat tympanogram bilaterally
 - Elevated soundfield SAT no other results able to be obtained
 - Recommended EUA with PE tubes and ABR
- EUA at 12 months
 - Fluid in left, clear right
 - Ear canals stenotic, PE tubes could not be placed
 - ABR = mild bilateral CHL
 - Recommended BCHD evaluation and continued medical management

Minimal Response Levels (dB eHL)

ABR minimal response levels are an estimate of peripheral hearing sensitivity and can be expected to be within 10dB of behavioral thresholds.

| | 1000 Hz | 2000 Hz | 4000 Hz |
|------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Right AIR | 35 | 40 | 30 |
| Right BONE | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| | | | |
| Left AIR | 35 | 30 | 25 |
| Left BONE | 15 | 15 | 15 |

ABR Summary: Right Ear: Mild conductive hearing loss Left Ear: Mild to slight conductive hearing loss



Case #4 - "W"

- BCHD evaluation at 13 months
 - Sofbtand recommended for use until PE tubes could be placed
 - Fit with loaner Baha 5
- Follow-up at 15 months
 - ENT: Ears cleaned, canals stenotic, f/u in 3 months
 - Audiology
 - wearing device primarily when actively engaged and during therapy
 - LittlEARS = not meeting auditory milestones for adjusted age
 - · Aided speech testing indicated benefit with softband device
 - Parents report noticing benefit and request personal devices
 - Fit with personal binaural Ponto 5 mini devices on softband

| Speech Perception Testing Results in QUIET | Unaided Both | Aided Right |
|---|--------------|-------------|
| Detection of Speech: | 45 | 20/25 |
| Speech Awareness | | |
| Threshold (SAT) | | |





Case #4 – "W"



- Follow-up device check appointments with behavioral testing every 3-6 months over next 15 months
 - Parents report observing benefit and improvement in auditory awareness when wearing softband but she "becomes very vocal and upset when she isn't in the mood to wear them"
 - Continued flat tympanograms
 - Limited behavioral results obtained = abnormal



Case #4 – "W"

- EUA and ABR at 32 months
 - PE tubes able to be placed
 - Normal hearing in both ears
 - Recommended discontinue BCHD use, followup in 6 months for continued monitoring





Down Syndrome Study

- Examine clinical outcomes of infants and young children with Down Syndrome diagnosed with conductive or mixed hearing loss who are initially managed with a bone conduction hearing device.
 - Audiologic outcomes
 - Speech and language outcomes
 - Developmental outcomes
 - Parent reported outcomes
- Currently in the enrollment process: patients 3-12 months old will be enrolled and followed through course of standard clinical care until 36 months





NICU Population



Cleft Lip and Palate

- More than 200 syndromic conditions are associated with cleft lip and palate¹
- Significantly higher prevalence of COM and associated hearing loss²

Tracheostomy-dependent

- Associated with increased risk of requiring PE tubes³
- Patients requiring mechanical ventilation have significantly higher likelihood of developing middle ear effusion⁴



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Case #5 – "J"

- Born at 33 weeks
- Multiple congenital anomalies: micrognathia, bilateral clubbed feet, cleft palate, cerebellar hypoplasia, tracheobronchomalacia
- Respiratory failure, chronic lung disease
- 8 months in NICU
- Tracheostomy at 3 months
- Middle ear effusion was noted on two MRI evaluations (1 month and 3 months)



Case #5 - "J"

 ABR @ 3 mo = Mild CHL bilaterally w/ abnormal tymps

- ABR @ 5 mo = Moderate CHL bilaterally
 - Bedside nurse and mom agreed his secretions are consistently thick since his trach placement

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|---------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| | 1000 Hz | Clicks | 4000 Hz |] |
| Right AIR | 50 | | 50 | 1 |
| Right BONE | 15 | | | 1 |
| Left AIR | 50 | | 40 | 1 |
| Left BONE | 20 | | | 1 |
| Delayed absol | ute latency res | ponses in both | ears, consister | nt with a conductive hearing loss |
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Tympanometry: 1000 Hz Probe tone: Right Ear: flat Left Ear: flat



Case #5 – "J"

- A BCD loaner fitting was offered as a temporary solution due to long term middle ear fluid and moderate conductive hearing loss until ears are clear and normal hearing is established.
- Discussed with mom that the purpose of this treatment is to provide improved access to sound until ears are clear.

RECOMMENDATIONS: The following were discussed at length with mom: 1) It is recommended that use the BCD while being held by mom while she is interacting with him (talking, singing, etc) in a quiet environment. Mom was counseled to monitor cues throughout this time.

Follow up ABR in 8 weeks or sooner with any change in middle ear status/ treatment
 If the family no longer wants to use the device, it should be returned to Audiology.



Case #5 - "J"

- "The BCD was used while mom engaged with "J" on his play mat or while holding him. She felt that he responded very well to her voice and was more engaged during interactions with herself and the staff. Mom reported that he was more interested in her while she was talking rather than wanting to go to sleep."
- PE tubes placed and ABR at 7 months
 - Mother felt that he was now responding to sounds and voices the same as what he did with the BCD.

ASSESSMENT

ABR Evaluation:

The auditory brainstem response was observed at levels that rule out a significant hearing loss:

Minimum Response Levels (dB eHL):

| | 1000 Hz | 2000 Hz | 4000 Hz |
|-----------|---------|---------|---------|
| Right AIR | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| Left AIR | 20 | 20 | 20 |

Waveform Morphology: Normal-appearing for infant's adjusted age.

SUMMARY

These results rule out any significant peripheral hearing loss at this time.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Discontinue use of bone conduction device due to resolution of temporary hearing loss. Mom felt that the BCD was beneficial and was very appreciative for being able to use it. The BCD was returned to Audiology.

2. Behavioral hearing test in 9-12 months or sooner if concerns arise.



Hearing Intervention in NICU

- Infants who require immediate medical care in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) are not only at a higher risk for hearing loss, but intervention is often delayed until after they are discharged from the hospital.
- There are many reasons why hearing intervention should be considered:
 - Support parent bonding*
 - Awareness of environmental cues
 - Anticipation of medical care
 - Benefit from interventions to support calming and development
 - Supports sensory needs





Hearing Intervention in NICU

- BCHD good option for this population
 - Appropriate treatment for the type of hearing loss
 - Ease of placement and use
 - Flexibility of device position for reduced feedback
 - Adjustable softband for child growth
 - Consistent auditory access with frequent or fluctuating middle ear fluid
- Inpatient Audiology program
 - Sensory care plan
 - Specialized inpatient audiologists
 - Close monitoring of patient and device
 - Collaboration with medical staff



Grosnik, A., & Baroch, K. (2020). Earlier Intervention for Medically Fragile Pediatric Inpatient Population. *The Hearing Journal*, 73(10), 22-23.







It's ok to push for amplification! If you don't, who will?

• Your role as the audiologist is to manage hearing needs while collaborating with ENT's medical management

Consider loaner or short-term amplification

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• Loaner devices are important to have available in your clinic

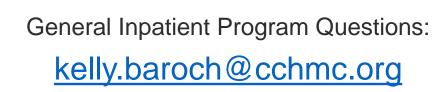
Think outside the box



• Current BCHD technology can meet hearing needs of a wide variety of patients



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