

# **Benefits of earlier implantation**

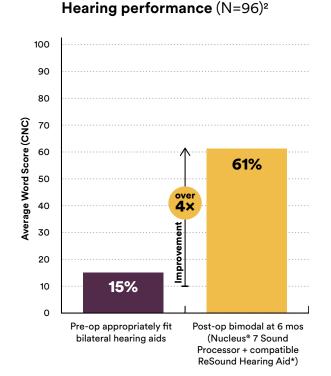
Our research shows that cochlear implants can help provide candidates with improved speech understanding over hearing aids alone.<sup>1</sup> Additionally, recent research shows that better hearing outcomes can be achieved when you have shorter duration of hearing loss combined with a cochlear implant that is close to the nerve.<sup>2</sup>

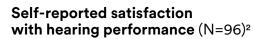
### **Better hearing outcomes**

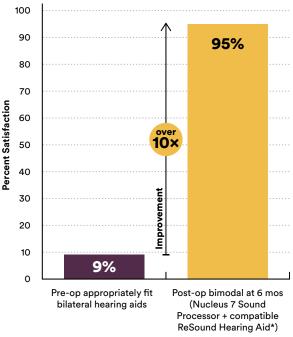
Furthermore, a recent study identified that in this group of cochlear implant recipients, a shorter duration of severe to profound hearing loss in the implanted ear was shown to be a predictor of better hearing outcomes.<sup>3</sup>

#### In a recent clinical study

of patients were satisfied or very satisfied with their hearing performance when using their cochlear implant and hearing aid in the opposite ear.<sup>2</sup>







## Active brains and sharp minds

For patients with severe to profound hearing loss, treating hearing loss may reduce social isolation.<sup>4</sup> In addition, studies have shown that people with cochlear implants see improvements in overall health<sup>5</sup> and have improved verbal and memory functions.<sup>6</sup>

A recent study has found a statistically significant relationship between improved hearing outcomes with a cochlear implant and three distinct factors including duration of hearing loss, the amount of speech understanding before cochlear implantation and the amount of residual hearing.<sup>7</sup>

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