



LISTEN UP!

Johannesburg Cochlear Implant News letter Summer Edition 2010

BATTERIES



R240 per box of 60 batteries.

Batteries can be purchased from JCIC. Payment methods are cash, a cheque made out to Southern ENT, or an EFT directly to Southern ENT. You will get a receipt from Southern ENT for tax purposes (to be collected at JCIC).

Banking details:

Southern ENT
Standard Bank
Acc no. 011745517
Branch code: 010945
Ref: name and surname

We also keep stock of Power One batteries for those who find their processors work better with these batteries

DRY AND STORE



This drying unit is designed to remove moisture from the sound processor. It's available in regional versions to suit power supply and voltage. Please remember to use your Dry & Store on a daily basis to prolong the life of your processor. Exposure to humidity, water, rain and sweat can affect the functioning of your processor. You can prevent this from happening by getting into the habit of using your Dry & Store / Drying Capsules / Zephyr on a daily base.

MEDIC ALERT BRACELET

*"Speaks for you when you
can't speak for yourself"*



MediAlert® has been protecting people throughout South Africa from tragic and fatal mistakes in emergencies with their world-renowned MediAlert bracelet. By having your medical conditions engraved on your bracelet doctors are forewarned of

your medical conditions before they treat you and therefore mistakes are prevented.

You can collect your MediAlert application form from JCIC or apply directly through their website: www.medicalert.co.za.

JCIC ADMIN HOURS 2011

From 10 January 2011, Leanne will be available at JCIC for battery sales, collections and repairs on:

- Monday 8:30 - 16:30
- Tuesday 8:30 - 12:30
- Wednesday 8:30 - 16:30
- Thursday 8:30 - 12:30
- Friday 8:30 - 12:30.

Please try to contact us during these times as there may not be anyone available to help you at other times. In case of an emergency please phone the rooms to see if someone is available to help you before contacting your audiologist on her cellphone. The best number to use when contacting the rooms is 011 356-6510 as this frees the other line for us to return your calls and contact suppliers and medical aid companies.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW RECIPIENTS

Congratulations and good luck to our 2010 recipients implanted since our last newsletter in September 2010:
Adults: Rabbi Norman Bernhard; Mr Andries Wolfaardt.
Children: Dewald Botha; Sibusiso Mabaso; Hamdaanah Pandor.

THE FARMER'S CHEESE



In our last newsletter we mentioned that MED-EL had kindly sponsored a group of musicians and actors to come to South Africa to perform this musical.

What a success! It was fascinating to see how these actors and musicians were able to capture and hold the attention of many of our young cochlear implant users. The positive response was overwhelming and we hope that we will be able to offer similar events in the future.

WORKSHOP ON THE IMPACT OF HEARING LOSS



The National Council for Persons with Physical Disabilities in South Africa is hosting a Workshop on: **The Impact of Hearing Loss.**

Who should attend?

1. Individuals with hearing loss
2. Individuals who are interested in learning more about the needs and challenges faced by persons with hearing loss e.g.

employers, caregivers, friends, family members, audiologists, acousticians, therapists and other interested medical personnel.

Date: 28 Feb - 1 Mar 2011.

Venue: 18 Eton rd (Auditorium), Parktown, Johannesburg.

Cost: To be confirmed

CPD points will be awarded

For more information contact:

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TEENAGERS & YOUNG ADULTS WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

In November one of our young adults tried to organise a social to launch a teenage and young adult group. Unfortunately, only one other person attended which may have been due to the fact that you received very short notice. Now is your chance to come forward with your ideas. Please send any ideas to admin@jcie.co.za.

AVT COURSE



What on earth is AVT?

AVT = Auditory Verbal Therapy.

This is a specific therapy approach that is particularly appropriate for young cochlear implant users with no additional problems.

We are very proud to announce that thirteen therapists from all over South

Africa were given the opportunity to attend this course sponsored by Cochlear and Southern ENT. Three of these therapists came from Johannesburg Cochlear Implant Programme (JCIP) and after a year of intensive work, have passed their exams. Well done to **Estelle Roberts, Kerry-Lee Galliard, and Shireen Govender.**

One of the requirements of this course was that the people who were given the opportunity to attend must actively share their knowledge with other therapists, so you can feel confident that your speech therapist has knowledge of the latest techniques. We would like to emphasise that one size does not fit all and it is important that you work together with your child's therapist to decide on the optimal approach for each of our little people.

LENDING A HELPING HAND



The Pretoria Cochlear Implant Programme (PCIP) found themselves temporarily short staffed at the end of 2010. Paddi Roux and Wendy Deverson covered nine clinic days in Pretoria. We were pleased to be able to help them out and it emphasised the importance of the teamwork that spreads across our nation.

ANSWERING YOUR REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION!

HOW TO DETECT HEARING LOSS IN CHILDREN

We know that many of you have travelled this road already but share this information with your friends:



Children grow and mature in different areas at various times. A delay in certain developmental milestones could indicate a hearing loss. Looking for signs along the way and getting early treatment can make a significant difference to a child with hearing loss. If you suspect that your child has a hearing loss, consult your doctor right away.

Below are a few developmental milestones to watch out for (the baby has been referred to as "he" for the sake of clarity and easy reading!)

Read more: [How to Detect Hearing Loss in Children | eHow.com](http://www.ehow.com/how_2077439_detect-hearing-loss-children.html#ixzz17bapvzYw)
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1. Look for reactions to sound in babies 0 to 3 months old. Your baby should react to loud noises, wake to loud sounds and be comforted by the sound of your

voice. He should also be able to make "gooing" noises from the back of his throat.

2. Be aware of actions in response to sounds in babies from 3 to 6 months old. Your baby should react to your voice by turning his head or eyes towards you, enjoy playing with noisy toys, stop at the sound of familiar voices and smile when talked to. He should make different crying sounds when he needs to eat or be changed.
3. Talk to baby regularly between the ages 6 to 12 months. He should respond to his name, make baby talk sounds, understand some words, turn his head when recognizing sounds like a ringing telephone and react to changes in your voice.
4. Get baby to copy sounds that he hears by 12 months. He should understand simple questions, recognize his name and understand what "no" means.
5. Ask baby for objects like toys from 12 to 18 months. He should be able to get things for you, point to body parts when asked and put sounds together. He should also have a few simple words like "mama."
6. Test baby's word knowledge between 18 months and 24 months. He should understand 50 words or more, yes and no questions and words used often. He should also be able to make his own simple sentences and follow simple directions.
7. Have conversations with babies over two years old. By age 2 and 3, he should

have around 270 words, sing short songs and tell others about interesting sounds. He may also be making 3 to 4 word sentences, be able to repeat familiar stories and know people's names.

A SUCCESS STORY FROM THE CAPE

This is Kate who is really a little ambassador for early identification and intervention. She started going to Parent Guidance at Carel du Toit Centre with her mom when she was 3 months old and after trialling hearing aids unsuccessfully, she had her first Cochlear Implant switch-on at 6 months. This clip was taken after 16 months of hearing which involved daily listening and language, particularly with her mom.

Her dad put together this power point for Deaf Awareness Week. Please pass it on. New born hearing screening and early intervention is changing the lives of deaf children. Kate will never need special education and will be attending a mainstream school in 2011.

Here is the link
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zOKTz31y-rk>

Don't forget to send in your comments, questions, suggestions and stories! Please share them with us at admin@jicic.co.za or +27 11 482 6141 / +27 11 356 6510 and we will include them or reply to them in our next edition.