

LISTEN UP!

**Johannesburg Cochlear Implant
News letter
Autumn / Winter 2013**

We hope that 2013 is proving to be a good year for all of you. You will notice that we are combining the autumn and winter editions of LISTEN UP. The reason for this is that the team has been very busy and there hasn't been time to put together a newsletter. We hope that the information in this one will make up for it!

JCIC ADMIN HOURS



Our office is open from Monday to Friday between 8:00am and 4:00pm. Please contact Gadija to book appointments and order batteries or spare parts. She is available at admin@jcic.co.za or 011 482-6141 or **011 356-6198 (new number)**.

BATTERIES



The original red packs of Rayovac batteries are available again. So at present we stock the following batteries:

Power One at R365.00 per box
Rayovac (red) at R275.00 per box
or R55.00 per card (12 batteries).

SECOND IMPLANT



The special offer on second implants has kept us very busy over the past few months. The offer ends in June and final orders have to be by the 23rd June 2013. If you use the Cochlear Nucleus device and you still want to take advantage of this offer please contact us as soon as possible.

MedEl will continue to offer a 20% discount on second side implants.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW RECIPIENTS

Congratulations and good luck to our recipients implanted since our last newsletter:



Adults: Rangwato Mokwena; Mary Flatau; Fiona Cormack; Leanne Venter; Sandra Lodder (2nd ear); Mark Bester (2nd ear); Arlene Velloen (2nd ear); Joseph Kganakga; Renier Herman (2nd ear); Anderson Bande; Jabulile Ngwenya (2nd ear).

Children: Mujahid Omarshah; Ruth Gabriel; Skye Bennett (2nd ear); Lindokhule Dladla (2nd ear); Isaiah Kavirayan (2nd ear); Olwethu Sefoli; Minke Weldon; Jenike Mahavir; Alistair Seaton (2nd ear); Angelina Greenberg (2nd ear); Azile Khoza; Tegan van Niekerk; Luc Chauke (2nd ear); Monica du Toit; Mira-Lay Jonker; Erin Francis (2nd ear).

RECIPIENT GET-TOGETHER



We finally managed to arrange our get-together. On Saturday 9th March a number of our cochlear implant recipients and their families met at the George Hay Park in Parkview. Dr Mol entertained us with some magic



we had some lucky draw prizes



and the children had fun on the swings and slides.

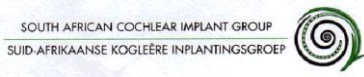


We would like to say a big THANK YOU to Gadija and her family who baked our birthday cupcakes.



Check out our Facebook page (search for Johannesburg Cochlear Implant Centre) for more photos of the wonderful time we spent together. We hope that more people will be able to join us next time.

SACIG MEETING



SACIG stands for the South African Cochlear Implant Group. All team members working in the field of cochlear implant belong to this group which was established as a body to promote high standard of care for cochlear implant recipients. As you are aware there are a number of professionals involved in the process of you getting a cochlear implant and it is important that these professionals provide the service at a level that meets the standard of best practice. SACIG has developed guidelines and is involved in providing training and

working with the various companies to improve service delivery.

Each year in May there is a SACIG AGM (business meeting) and an academic meeting where we share information, get product updates from the companies and have international speakers. The SACIG Executive moves between the teams on a biannual basis and at present the JCIP forms the Executive. This meant that it was our responsibility to arrange the meeting this year.

The meeting was held on the 4th and 5th of May and was very successful. There is a category for consumer members which means that you are entitled to join SACIG and join us for future academic meetings. At present there are only two consumer members but as more people join we will be able to include more sessions in our meetings that are relevant for you as the consumer.

The SACIG website is being modified at present but you can access it if you Google SACIG.

PRODUCT UPDATES

Cochlear Nucleus 6 System



Cochlear will be releasing their Nucleus 6 system. This system uses SmartSound IQ to help you hear better in different listening environments with the exciting new feature of wind noise reduction and it is ready for a number of wireless accessories that are being developed. To get an idea of the advantages of the new system you can go to cochlearimplanthelp.com and read more about the Nucleus 6 system which initially will be

compatible with the Freedom and 512 implants.



The exciting news is that everyone who has had an initial switch-on after 1st May 2013 will get a free upgrade to the new processor (providing you return the processor that you were fitted with at switch-on).

Nucleus 5 users still have the option of using the Aqua Accessory if they want to swim with their processor on.



MedEl Rondo



This is the first single unit processor available for cochlear implants. This new, compact audio processor design combines the coil, control unit, and battery pack into a single device that is worn off the ear. The Rondo is compatible with all MedEl electrode arrays. Google MedEl Rondo for more information.



MedEl have recommended to us that we trial this new processor with adults first. It is advisable to use a retention clip that is attached to the processor and to your clothes as you will no longer have an earhook to hold the processor in place. If you are interested in the new processor you can contact us at JCIC to find out more.

OVERSEAS PRESENTATIONS



Four of our team members attended the recent international paediatric cochlear implant conference in Turkey. Estelle Roberts was invited to present a paper on Auditory Verbal Therapy training in South Africa and Dr Hockman presented a paper on the importance of the vaccinations that recipients are required to have prior to the implant therapy. We are very proud to be represented at an international level.

Don't forget to send in your comments, questions and suggestions and stories! Please share them with us at admin@jcic.co.za or 2711482-6141 and we will include them or reply to them in our next edition.