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**Wearing Options for little children and active adults**

Table with pictures for these products (description downloaded from MED-EL page and flyers)

for OPUS 2: Battery cover XS, Children battery cover, Mini battery cover, BabyWear/ActiveWear

for SONNET: BabyWear, ActiveWear

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**Quick visit by Speech Therapist**

Speech therapeut Gregorová answers questions abou her work: How long she makes it, that it is important to work with children home with parents, that adults and children alike need to learn first listen with CI and just then start to communicate.

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**With psycholog about CI**

Dr. Groma, clinical psychologist, introduces himself, about his study, start on school for hearing impaired children, his observation that deaf parents often choose not to use implant their child.

Main points of interview

- psychological test are important prior the implantation: the prognosis of the future progress can be made, expectations of parents, give tips to parents for the support of the child,…

- possibilities of testing 1 year old child by observing and interview of parent

- the main topic is to cover the area between implantation of young children and start of school.

1) Centers of psychological support – when to visit them

2) special mobile therapist –about necessity to work with CI children, he works with child home, has a plan to support whole development of child, motivates parents to work with child at home

3) the process is coordinated by CI center at Antolska, where are children monitored every year for one week and Centers of psychological support

4) psychological testing is applied only at children whose progress is not as anticipated to find out the cause

5)who will help parents to decide where to put child - school / kindergarden of normal type or special treatment school

6)what are the pros and cons of every solution

7) psychologist will help to decide if child need assistant in school or condensation aids

8) should child with CI have allowance in school

9) billingval enviromant for child – dr. Groma says his option is to master first one language and then to have second language. He agrees to use gesture language when child has not yet the implant.

* What is the purpose of testing adults before CI – expectations, character of patient, his abilities in case of an accidental loss of hearing
* Psychologist work also with family of adult patient if help wanted
* Jobs restrictions for people with CI – he cannot think of any, maybe when normal hearing is required?
* Quality of life of CI patients - nearly normal hearing, usually they think of themselves as healthy people

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**Just to hear**

User story / Mr. Kanaba has lost his hearing as adult due to meningitides, he works as sales executive. Has waited for implantation and was on Tale meeting where he met other CI users and seen it works, talked to one patient and get information. Now is satisfied, works again at the same place. He represents Slovakia at Deaflympics, was in Samsun last year, strong life experience.

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**15 myths about CI**

Answers to these common myths

1. You need to wait with implantation
2. Only one implant is OK
3. Face nerve is damaged by implantation
4. Patient needs to choose the right electrode
5. Implantation will destroy residual hearing
6. With CI you cannot undergo specific tests
7. You cannot wear glasses with processor
8. You cannot sport with CI
9. You cannot be checked at the airport security
10. You have open wound after implantation
11. You need to change CI after some time
12. CI can be easily damaged
13. Processor is expensive to fix
14. CI is full restoring of hearing
15. CI is only for children

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**Rytmics for little children** – translated article

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**How bear Brum started to hear**

Photographs from Antolska CI centre, user request

Bear comes to CI center deaf, he undergoes different tests, sleeps in hospital, has implantation surgery, and after 4 weeks he goes away, after activation of implants, hearing

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**Meeting in Liptovska Sielnica**

NG organization “Nepocujuce dieta” had meeting of their members - implanted, candidates in L. Sielnica supported also by MED-EL, workshops, social program…

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**Thank you letter**

from teen-age users Peter and Milan, they plays badminton and are friends, they meet at Antolska every year at regular check-ups. They hope their friendship will last till their pension☺

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**Evaluation of questionnaire**

4 articles are inspired by last questionnaire, we thank readers for attendance and encourage them to answer again

**Short questionnaire**

What do you miss in NTR, What article did you like most, you comment,…

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