

2026 Fall CI Meeting

Program Agenda

Monday, November 9, 2026

7:00 am Breakfast

7:15 am - 7:35 MEDEL Presentation

7:40 - 8:00 Advanced Bionics Presentation

8:15 – 8:20 Welcome and Opening Remarks Dr. Kevin Brown, Dr. David
Haynes, Dr. Liz Perkins

Session I

Moderator: Chris Welch, MD, PhD

8:25 - 9:10 **Panel: Going the Extra Mile...Is It Really Worth It?**

A Discussion Regarding the Benefit of Perioperative Tools
(Electrocochleography, Robotic Insertions, Imaging-Guided
Programming)

Moderator: Gabrielle Watson, AuD, CCC-A

Andie DeFreese, AuD, CCC-A

Marlan Hansen, MD

Jacob Hunter, MD

Neil Patel, MD

9:15 - 9:30 **Variables that Influence Individual Benefit for CI Users with Unilateral Hearing Loss** Margaret Dillon, AuD, PhD

9:35 -9:50 TBD Alejandro Rivas, MD

9:55 - 10:10 TBD Wolf-Dieter Baumgartner, MD, PhD

10:12 - 10:19 **Abstract:** Development of a New Auditory Training Application Driven by User Barriers Karen Petter, AuD, MA; Christina Buzzy, PhD

10:20 - 10:35 **Questions / Break**

Session II

Moderator: Jordan McNair, AuD

10:35 - 10:50 **The TEAM Approach - A Virtual Collaborative Model for Cochlear Implants at Michigan Ear Institute** Robert Hong, MD

10:55 - 11:40 **Panel: Extreme Program Makeover: Problem Solving Challenges in Program Growth**

Moderator: Nate Cass, MD

Scott Brown, MD

Sarah Coulthurst, AuD

Nicole Jiam, MD

Brendan O'Connell, MD

Sandra Porps, AuD, CCC-A

11:45 - 12:00 pm **Hearing Restoration with Auditory Implants Beyond the Cochlea**
Thomas Lenarz, MD

12:05 - 12:20 **Cochlear Implantation and Programming Vestibular Schwannoma Patients**
Sandra Porps, AuD, CCC-A

12:25 - 12:40 **Deep Neural Network-Based Noise Reduction: Implant Candidacy and Outcomes**
Aniket Saoji, PhD

12:42 - 12:49 **Abstract:** Comprehensive Evaluation of Cochlear Implant Outcomes in Patients with Ipsilateral Vestibular Schwannoma: Implications for Counseling, Electrode Selection, and Programming
Andrea DeFreese, AuD

12:50 - 1:30 **Lunch**

Session III

Moderator: Nate Cass, MD

1:30 - 2:15 **Panel: Cochlear Implantation and Retrocochlear Pathology**

Moderator: John Dornhoffer, MD

Nichole Dwyer, AuD, CCC-A

Courtney Kolberg, AuD

Luis Lassaletta, MD

Kareem Tawfik, MD

2:18 - 2:33	TBD	Renee Banakis Hartl, MD, AuD
2:38 - 2:53	Perceptual Effects of Speech Enhancement	Gavriel Kohlberg, MD
2:55 - 3:02	Abstract: Variation in Cochlear Implant Surgical Competence Across Training: A Survey of Otolaryngology Residents and Fellows	Rebecca Rosenzweig, BA
3:07 - 3:52	Panel: Single-Sided Deafness in Pediatrics Moderator: Lisa Park, AuD Natalie Hayes, AuD Elina Kari, MD Jordan McNair, AuD Morgan Selleck, MD Dan Zeitler, MD	
3:57 - 4:12	Quality of Life Results from Adults with Asymmetric Hearing Loss	Jill Firszt, AuD, PhD
4:17 - 4:32	Development and Implementation of Personalized Prediction Models for Adult CI Users Using the CIQOL-Digital Platform	Theodore McRackan, MD
4:37 - 4:44	Abstract: Neuroplasticity in Sensorineural and Conductive Single-Sided Deafness	Carly Schimmel, AuD
4:47 PM	Questions and Conclusion of Day 1	

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7:30 - 7:50 am	Cochlear Americas Presentation	
8:20	Session I	
	Moderator: Marc Bassim, MD	
8:20 - 8:35	Cochlear Implantation from a Global Perspective	Kenneth Lee, MD, PhD
8:40 - 8:55	TBD	Rebecca Lewis, AuD
9:00 - 9:15	Automatic Speech Recognition for Scoring of Audiologic Tests	Matt Fitzgerald, PhD
9:20 - 10:05	Panel: Penetrating the Market: How We are Doing and Where Do We Go From Here	
	Moderator: Kevin Zhan, MD	
	Rich Gurgel, MD	
	Jacques Herzog, MD	
	Ashley Nassiri, MD	

Sarah Sydlowski, AuD

10:10 - 10:17 **Abstract:** Durability of Cochlear Implant Performance in Aging
Veterans with Prolonged Auditory Deafness Matthew Wengreen

10:19 - 10:26 **Abstract:** Vestibular Findings in Pediatric Patients Pre- and Post-
Cochlear Implantation Jennifer Drohosky, AuD, PhD

10:27 - 10:42 **Break**

Session II

Moderator: Matthew Dedmon, MD, PhD

10:42- 11:27 **Panel: Medicare Criteria: Spill the Tea**

Moderator: Camille Dunn, PhD, CCC--A

Matt Bush, MD

Maura Cosetti, MD

Jay Gantz, MD

Jourdan Holder, AuD, PhD, CCC-A

Meaghan Reed, AuD, CCC-A

11:31 - 11:46 TBD Sandra Prentiss, PhD, CCC-A

11:51 - 12:06 pm **Why are we using cadaveric measures (i.e., Greenwood's Map) to
program cochlear implants?** Craig Buchman, MD

12:11 - 12:26	Cochlear Implantation Outcomes in Patients with Cochlear Nerve Deficiency Joni Doherty, MD, PhD, FACS
12:30 - 1:05	Lunch Session III Moderator: Jacob Hunter, MD
1:05- 1:12	Abstract: Building a Music-Focused Cochlear Implant Clinic Katie Berg, AuD, PhD, CCC-A
1:15- 1:22	Abstract: Hearing Preservation Following Revision Cochlear Implantation: Role of Differences in Angular Insertion Depth Nicholas Melott, DO
1:27- 2:12	Panel: Scary Complications Moderator: Marc Bennett, MD, FACS Nicholas Deep, MD Lisa Goldin, AuD, CCC-A, PhD Sam Gubbels, MD Jan Larky, AuD Alan Micco, MD
2:17- 2:32	Update on Genetics of Hearing Loss and Gene Therapy Taha Jan, MD
2:37 - 2:52	TBD Shin-Ichi Usami, MD, PhD

2:57 - 3:42

Panel: Variables Guiding Manufacturer Selection: Surgeon and Audiologist Perspective

Moderator: Andrea Overton, AuD, CCC-A

Kevin Brown, MD, PhD

Michael Hoa, MD

Karen Petter, AuD, CCC-A, MA

Molly Smeal, AuD, CCC-A

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Meeting Conclusion and Final Remarks