

Cochlear Implants: Increasing Awareness and Access

Cochlear implants have been around for 40 years and have greatly improved the lives of recipients. Yet, despite advances in the technology and its benefits, there is a lack of awareness about cochlear implants and too few adults with hearing loss, who could benefit from the devices, have access to cochlear implants. Please join us for a discussion about advocacy efforts and the role of consumers in the landmark International Consensus Paper, published in JAMA Otolaryngology on August 27, 2020. The publication outlines minimum standards of care for adults with severe to profound hearing loss.

International advocacy leaders and speakers for the session are:

- Dr. Harald Seidler, MD, past DSB President, International Federation of Hard of Hearing People (IFHOH) representative on the Consumer and Professional Advocacy Committee and co-chair of the Committee
- Mrs. Barbara Kelley, Executive Director, Hearing Loss Association of America and co-chair of the Consumer and Professional Advocacy Committee
- Ms. Darja Pajk, Representative of the European Federation of Hard of Hearing People on the Consumer and Professional Advocacy Committee
- Mr. Bowen Tang, President of the International Federation of Hard of Hearing Young People
- Dr. Ruth Warick, President of the International Federation of Hard of Hearing People

The session will be moderated by Mr. Avi Blau, Vice-President of IFHOH. Details follow:

Date: **Thursday, 15th of October, 2020**

Time: **7 am PDT, 10 am EDT, 4 pm CEST, 9 pm ICT 10 pm PHST** Duration: **90 minutes**

Register in advance at https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_XjBoM1GSSNmGkbbawBzAkg After registering, you will receive a confirmation email about joining the webinar.

Realtime captioning will be provided.

To review the consensus paper in advance go to this [link](#).



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