


**Closing the Gap: Mixed and Conductive Hearing Loss in Adults**

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**Agenda** 

- Introduction to conductive and mixed hearing loss (CMHL) in adults
- Treating conductive and mixed hearing loss with Baha® technology
- Exploring Baha solutions for adults




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**Conductive and Mixed Hearing Loss (CMHL) in Adults** 

- Just under **half** of all hearing impairments can be classified as conductive or mixed<sup>1</sup>
- Conductive hearing loss may be more common in conjunction with certain diseases - **17% of patients with rheumatoid arthritis** exhibited clinically significant conductive or mixed hearing loss in one study<sup>2</sup>
- Cholesteatoma has an incidence of 6.8 per 100,000 patients per year and **re-occurs in 44% of patients**<sup>3</sup>
- The prevalence of **Otosclerosis** is **0.3-0.4%** in people of European descent but may be rarer in people of African or Asian descent<sup>4</sup>
- Chronic suppurative otitis media (CSOM) prevalence is highly dependent on geography and ethnicity with prevalence ranging from 0.4% in North America and Europe to 4% in Africa and China and **as high as 7% in India**<sup>5</sup>

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## Treatment Options for CMHL in Adults



### Surgical Treatment Options

- Middle Ear Surgery
  - Stapedectomy
  - Tympanoplasty
  - Cholesteatoma removal
- Pressure equalization (PE) tubes
- Implantable hearing devices such as Baha® Connect or Baha® Attract

### Non-surgical Treatment Options

- Air conduction hearing aids
- Bone conduction hearing aids
- Non-surgical Baha solutions, such as SoundArc or Softband



## Middle Ear Surgery

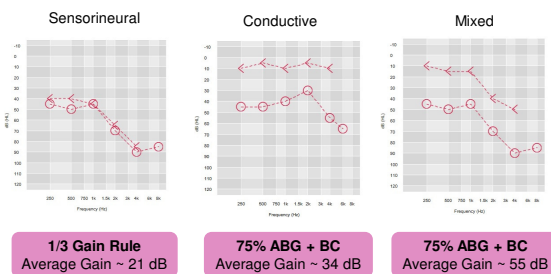


- Common middle ear surgeries include tympanoplasty, ossiculoplasty and stapedectomy
- Over 300,000 ear surgeries are performed each year in the US (excluding myringotomy and tubes)<sup>1</sup>
- For tympanoplasty and ossiculoplasty, 60-70% of patients will have “successful” hearing restoration (air-bone gap of 20 dB or less)<sup>2-5</sup>
- Stapedectomy is more successful with over 90% of patients achieving closure of the air-bone gap to within 10 dB<sup>6</sup>, although that number drops to 64% for revision surgeries<sup>7</sup>

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## Hearing Aid Fitting<sup>1</sup>: CMHL

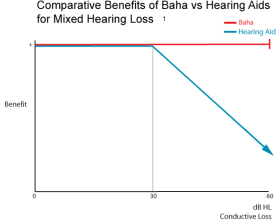


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## Hearing Aids vs Direct Bone Conduction



**Comparative Benefits of Baha vs Hearing Aids for Mixed Hearing Loss<sup>1</sup>**



- The greater the air-bone gap, the more a Baha system will outperform hearing aids<sup>2</sup>
- Hearing aid prescriptions for conductive and mixed hearing loss require more gain and receive less clinical research than for sensorineural hearing loss<sup>3</sup>
- Hearing aid fitting can be difficult if there is drainage from the ear, ear pain or a mastoid cavity present after mastoidectomy<sup>4</sup>

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## Baha Systems for CMHL

- ✓ Nothing worn in the ear canal, which is helpful in cases where ear drainage is present<sup>1</sup>
- ✓ Baha processors do not need to be re-adjusted if the air conduction thresholds fluctuate because gain is only required for the bone conduction thresholds
- ✓ Pre-operative testing can be used to predict post-operative benefit<sup>2</sup>
- ✓ Use of the Baha system is associated with high user satisfaction and good long-term benefit<sup>3,4</sup>

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## Baha Indications



### Conductive & Mixed Hearing Loss

Candidacy is based on **bone conduction** thresholds

Bone Conduction PTA equal to or better than 65 dB at 0.5, 1, 2 & 3 kHz

Bilateral fitting requires symmetric bone conduction thresholds

Less than 10 dB on average (0.5, 1, 2 & 3) or less than 15 dB at individual frequencies

### Single-Sided Deafness

Normal hearing in the good ear

Defined as Air Conduction PTA equal to or better than 20 dB at 0.5, 1, 2 & 3 kHz

Surgery can be considered for children 5 years of age or older

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### Baha Attract

Baha Connect

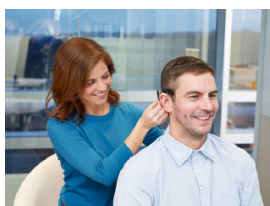
- The Baha Attract System provides clinically proven performance with nothing through the skin<sup>1</sup>
- The Baha Connect System's direct connection with the implant provides the maximum possible gain<sup>2</sup>
- Two systems with one strong foundation<sup>3</sup>

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## Baha Evaluations



- Establish benefit before surgery<sup>1,2</sup>
- Can provide the patient with realistic expectations of surgery
- Can help identify the best surgical candidates through pre-operative testing
- Can assist in choice of processor



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## Baha 5 Sound Processors: Small. Smart. Powerful.



Baha 5 sound processors share the same unique technology building blocks to deliver a smart and seamless hearing experience to all patients.

- The industry's smallest sound processors.<sup>1</sup>
- The only smart processors with direct-to-device wireless streaming and control.
- Two power sound processors including the industry's most powerful solution.<sup>2</sup>



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## Choosing Baha 5 Sound Processors



- Made for iPhone compatibility to allow direct connection to iOS devices
- Baha 5 Smart App for iOS and Android™ allows patients to control and monitor their device
- True wireless™ accessories provide access to sounds in challenging listening environments
- Various retention options and colors allow recipients to personalize their device for their needs




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## Support and Resources



- Request free information packs for yourself or your candidates at our website
- Candidates may contact our innovative Concierge group for answers to their questions and to connect with a local volunteer if desired
- Recipients can connect directly with Cochlear for all their self-service needs through our Cochlear Family program

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## Summary



- ✓ Conductive and mixed hearing loss can be caused by many different diseases and can be more prevalent in certain populations
- ✓ Baha technology provides a unique treatment option for conductive and mixed hearing loss
- ✓ Baha 5 Sound Processors offer True Wireless and Made for iPhone technology to help recipients connect to the world around them
- ✓ Cochlear offers unparalleled support for both candidates and recipients

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