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# Candidacy and Counseling for Cochlear™ Bone Conduction Solutions





- After this course, participants will be able to list the candidacy criteria for bone conduction solutions for both Single-Sided Deafness (SSD) and Mixed and Conductive Hearing Loss.
- After this course, participants will be able to outline considerations for selecting a treatment within the Bone Conduction Portfolio.
- After this course, participants will be able to identify important points for counseling a candidate and list resources that are available to support bone conduction candidates.

## **Our Mission**

We help people hear and be heard.

We **empower** people to connect with others and live a full life.

We **transform** the way people understand and treat hearing loss.

We **innovate** and bring to market a range of implantable hearing solutions that deliver a lifetime of hearing outcomes.



**Agenda** 

Why bone conduction

Who might benefit

**How** to demonstrate

What else should be considered?



## **Common Etiologies for Bone Conduction**

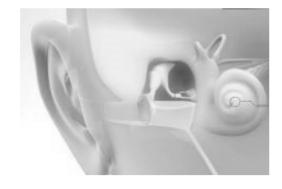




### Atresia/microtia

### Disease factors:

Impossible to use hearing aid, may still be challenging after reconstruction



### **Chronic otitis media**

### Disease factors:

Severity of hearing loss varies depending on middle ear status<sup>2,4</sup>.

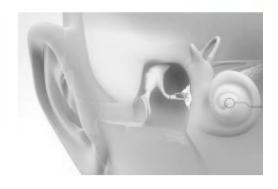
Even after middle ear surgery to restore CHL 21% of pts will still need amplification<sup>3</sup>.



### **Otitis externa**

### Disease factors

Hearing aid may cause irritation and allergic reactions in the ear canal



### **Otosclerosis**

### Disease factors

When stapedotomy has been tried and failed.<sup>1</sup>

When other risk factors preclude middle ear surgery

<sup>1.</sup> Evans AK, Kazahaya K. Canal atresia: "Surgery or implantable hearing devices? The expert's question is revisited" Journal of Pediatric Otorhinolaryngology 2007; 71, 367-374

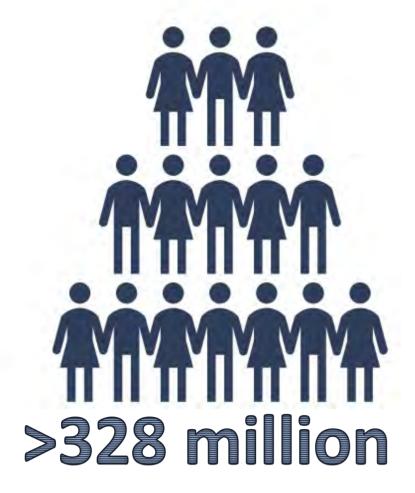
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<sup>3.</sup> Boron A, Skladzien J, Wiatr M. Pre- and Post-perative Speech Audiometry Evaluation in Patients with Chronic Otiitis Media. J Int Adv Otol. 2020 Aug;16(2):241-247

<sup>.</sup> Watson GJ, Silva S, Lawless T, Harling JL, Sheehan PZ. Bone anchored hearing aids: a preliminary assessment of the impact on outpatients and cost when rehabilitating hearing in chronic suppurative otitis media. Clinical otolaryngology 2008

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## A global challenge



Chronic Otitis Media (COM) may contribute to more than half of the global burden of hearing impairment.<sup>1</sup>

According to the WHO, more than **328 million people** suffer from COM around the world, and **about half** of all adults with COM will develop an associated hearing loss. <sup>1,2</sup>

Many of these COM patients suffer **long-standing hearing problems**<sup>3</sup> before getting a solution, creating an additional health burden for the patient, clinic and healthcare system.

<sup>1</sup> Acuin J and the Department of Child and Adolescent Health and Development, and the Team for Prevention of Blindness and Deafness of the World Health Organization. World Health Organization, Geneva; 2004. 2.Yehudai N, Most T, Luntz M. Risk factors for sensorineural hearing loss in pediatric chronic otitis media. International journal of pediatric otorhinolaryngology. 2015;79(1):26-30.

<sup>3.</sup> Macnamara M, Phillips D, Proops DW. The bone anchored hearing aid (BAHA) in chronic suppurative otitis media (CSOM). J Laryngol Otol Suppl. 1996;21:38-40. doi: 10.1017/s0022215100136254. PMID: 9015447.

## **COM-related hearing loss**

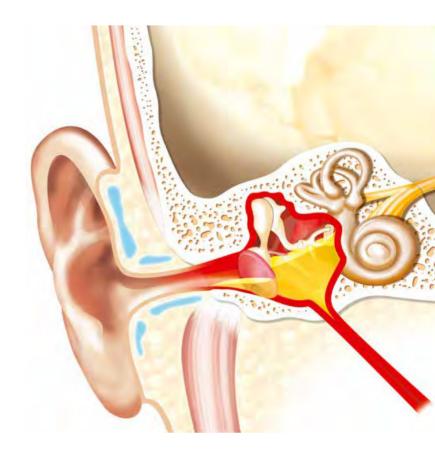
- Most patients with COM experience a conductive (CHL) or mixed hearing loss (MHL<sup>1</sup>
- The severity of hearing loss varies depending on the status of the middle ear<sup>1</sup>
- Moderate hearing losses are most common, but many patients experience a moderately-severe hearing loss<sup>1</sup>

Even after middle ear surgery to restore conductive hearing loss,

21%

of patients will still need amplification.<sup>2</sup>





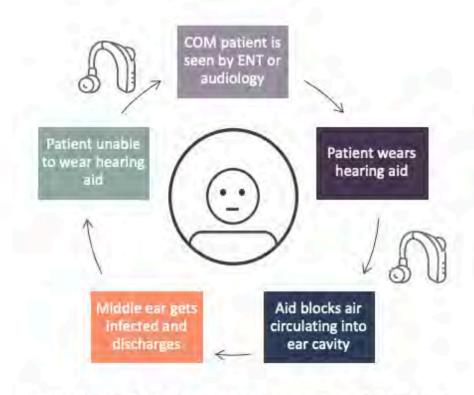
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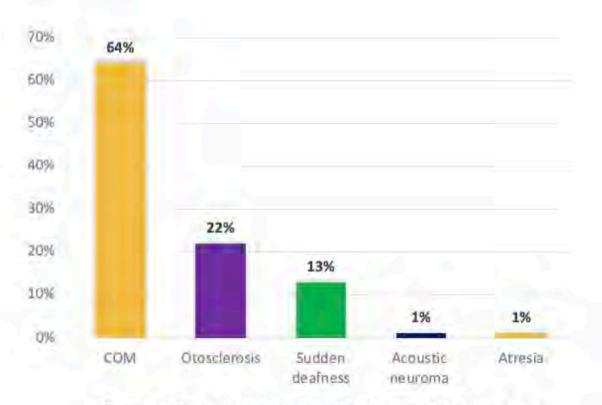
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## Cochlear

## The need for the patient is significant



Cycle of discharge and infection impacts reliable hearing.<sup>1</sup>



Over 60% of Cochlear's Bone Conduction (BC) patients today suffer from CHL or MHL from COM, greater than any other cause.

1. Orji FT, O Onyero E, Agbo CE. The clinical implications of ear canal debris in hearing aid users. Pak J Med Sci. 2014;30(3):483–487.

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## Standard of care for COM-related hearing loss does not exist



Many patients suffer for years before they are introduced to bone conduction. Why?



### LACK OF RESEARCH FOCUS



Clinical evidence gaps:Comparisons between

- available treatments
- Clinical outcomes on defined patient groups



### LACK OF STANDARDIZATION



### Standards needed regarding:

- How to define severity
- Treatment categorization
- Reporting clinical outcomes



### **LACK OF AWARENESS**

Healthcare professionals often unaware that bone conduction may be an appropriate and effective treatment.

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<sup>1.</sup> Backous D, Choi BY, Jaramillo R, et al. Current State of Knowledge: Hearing Rehabilitation in Patients with Chronic Otitis Media - a Discussion of Current Status and Research Priorities. Ear Hearing. 2020; Submitted manuscript.

## **Clinical Benefits of Bone Conduction**



Ear canal remains open

Predictable outcomes with surgical and clinical flexibility

Consistent hearing<sup>1,2,3</sup>

Predictable hearing outcomes<sup>4</sup>

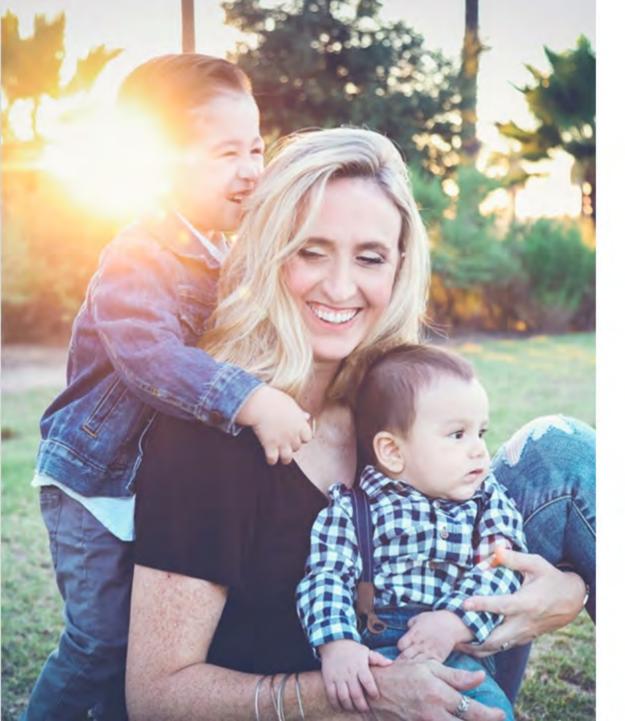
## Long term solution

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<sup>2.</sup> Watson GJ, Silva S, Lawless T, Harling JL, Sheehan PZ. Bone anchored hearing aids: a preliminary assessment of the impact on outpatients and cost when rehabilitating hearing in chronic suppurative otitis media. Clin otolaryngol. 2008;33(4):338-342.

<sup>3.</sup> McLarnon CM, Davison T, Johnson IJ. Bone-anchored hearing aid: comparison of benefit by patient subgroups. The Laryngoscope. 2004;114(5):942-944.

<sup>4.</sup> Evans AK, Kazahaya K. Canal atresia: "Surgery or implantable hearing devices? The experts question is revisited" Journal of Pediatric Otorhinolaryngology 2007; 71, 367-374



## Potential Patient Benefits of Bone Conduction

- Improved hearing performance, even in noisy situations <sup>1,2,3</sup>
- Improved subjective sound quality and speech understanding over traditional air conduction (e.g., Hearing Aids)<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1)</sup> Flynn MC, Sadeghi A, Halvarsson G. (2009) Baha solutions for patients with severe mixed hearing loss. Cochlear Implants International, 10 Suppl 1:43-7.

<sup>2)</sup> Hol MK et al (2005) Long-term results of bone anchored hearing aid recipients who had previously used air-conduction hearing aids. Arch Otolaryngol Head Neck Surg, 131(4):321-5.

<sup>3)</sup> Bruschini L, Canelli R, Morandi A, Cambi C, Fiacchini G, Berrettini S, Forli F. Bone anchored hearing aids for the treatment of asymmetric hearing loss, 2020 Dec; 16(3)313-317.

<sup>4)</sup> Haugaard DD. Boldsen SK, Jensen AM, Hansen S, Thomassen PC. A multicenter study on objective and subjective benefits with a transcutaneous bone-anchored hearing aid device: first Nordic results. Eur Arch Otolaryngol 2017; 274:3011-3019.



# Candidacy & the Recipient Pathway

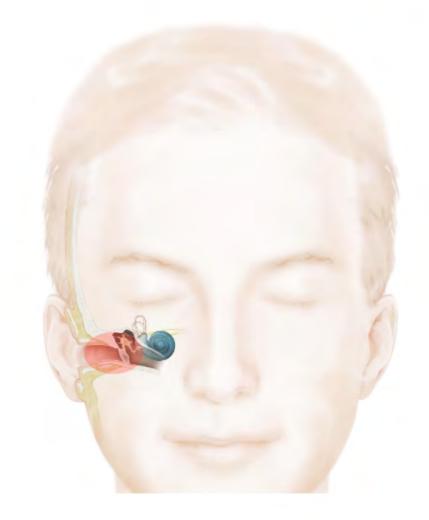
## Why Bone Conduction: Mixed and Conductive Hearing Loss (MCHL)



The greater the air-bone gap, the more a Baha® system will outperform hearing aids<sup>1,2</sup>

Hearing aid prescriptions for conductive and mixed hearing loss require more gain 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>



<sup>1 -</sup> Snik AF et al. (2005) Consensus Statements on the BAHA System: Where Do We Stand at Present? Annals of ORL 114(12S). 195:1-12

<sup>2 –</sup> Mylanus EAM, van der Pouq K, Snik M (1998) Intraindividual comparison of the bone-anchored hearing aid and air-conduction hearing aids. Arch Otolaryngol Head Neck Surg, 124(3):271-276

<sup>3 -</sup> Johnson EE. (2013) Prescriptive amplification recommendations for hearing losses with a conductive component and their impact on the required maximum power output: An update with accompanying clinical explanation. J Am Acad Audiol, 24(6):452-60

<sup>4 -</sup> Gluth MB, Friedman AB, Atcherson SR, Dornhoffer JL. (2013) Hearing aid tolerance after revision and obliteration of canal wall down mastoidectomy cavities. Otology & Neurotology, 34(4):711-4.

## Why Bone Conduction: Single-Sided Deafness (SSD)



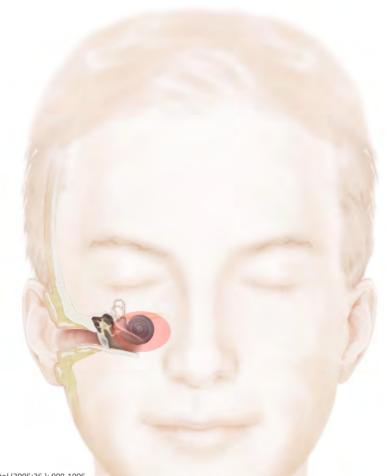
The Baha and Osia® Systems bypass outer and middle ear and sends clearer, more crisp sound directly to the better inner ear<sup>1</sup>

Improved speech understanding in noisy environments<sup>1</sup>

Helps to lift the head shadow effect<sup>1-3</sup>

Reduces the psychosocial consequences associated with hearing impairment<sup>1,5-6</sup>

Long-term patient satisfaction and hearing benefits<sup>7</sup>



<sup>1.</sup> Hol MKS, Bosman AJ, Snik AFM, Mylanus EAM, Cremers CWRJ. "Bone anchored hearing aids in unilateral inner ear deafness: an evaluation of audiometric and patient outcome measurements." Otol Neurotol (2005:26): 999-1006.

<sup>2.</sup> Lin LM, Bowditch S, Anderson MJ, May B, Cox KM, Niparko K. Amplification of unilateral deafness: speech in noise and directional hearing effects with bone-anchored hearing and contralateral routing of signal amplification. Otology and Neurology 2006;27(2):172-82

<sup>3.</sup> Pai I, Kelleher C, Nunn T, Pathak N, Jindal M, Fitzgerald O'Connor A, Jiang D. Outcome of bone-anchored hearing aids for single-sided deafness: A prospective study. Acta Oto-Laryngologica, Early Online 1-5.

<sup>4.</sup> Newman CW, Sandridge DA, Wodzisz LM. "Longitudinal benefit from and satisfaction with the Baha System for patients with acquired unilateral sensorineural hearing loss. Otol Neurotol 2008; 29: 1123-1131.

<sup>5.</sup> Schroder SA, Ravn T, Bonding P. BAHA in single sided deafness: patient compliance and subjective benefit. Otol Neurotol. 2010; 31: 404-408

<sup>6.</sup> Kompis M, Wilhem W, Caversaccio. Long term benefit of bone anchored hearing systems in single sided deafness. Acta Oto-Laryngologica. 2017; 13:398-402.

<sup>7.</sup> Maurizio B, Biagini M, Lazzarino Al, Monini S, Hearing and quality of life in a south European BAHA population. Acta Oto-Laryngologica. 2010 130: 1040-1047

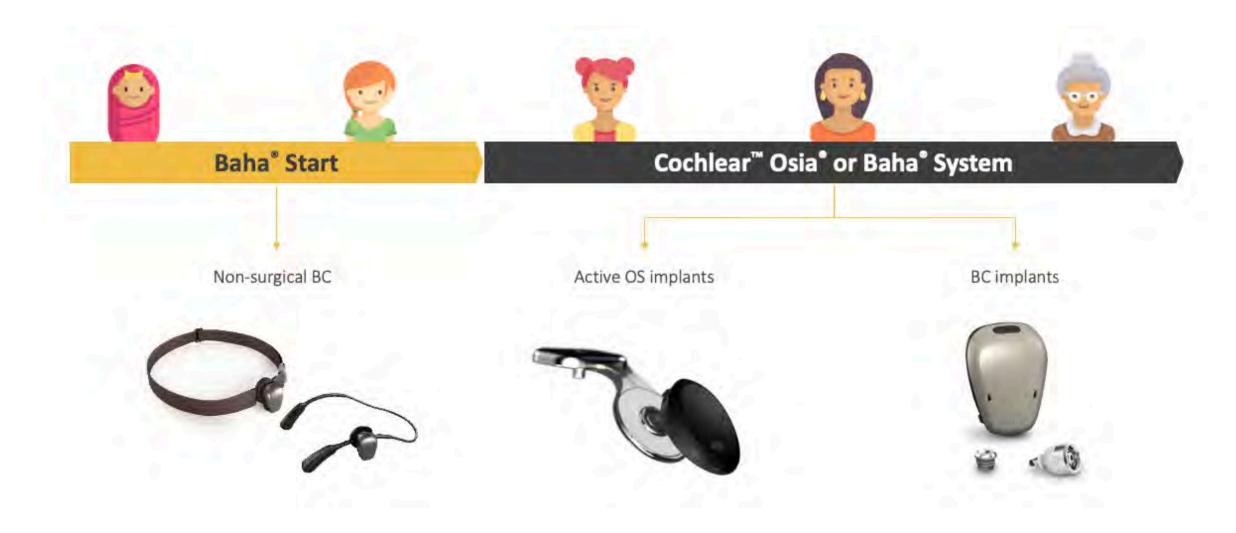


## **Candidates and hearing loss indications**





## **Cochlear bone conduction hearing solutions**



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## The treatment pathway – babies & toddlers\*

An example case may be a **baby born with aural atresia** causing conductive hearing loss.



<sup>\*</sup>In the United States and Canada, the placement of the Baha Implant System is contraindicated in children below the age of five. In the United States, the Osia 2 System is cleared for children ages twelve and older. In Canada, the Osia 2 System is approved for children ages five and older.



## The treatment pathway – younger children

An example case may be a **young child with Down Syndrome**, whose conductive hearing loss developed early in life due to recurrent ear infections.





## The treatment pathway – older children

An example case may be a **teenager** who woke up one morning with sudden profound sensorineural hearing loss in one ear (SSD).





## The treatment pathway – adults & seniors

An example case may be an **adult** with chronic otitis media (COM) who underwent middle ear surgery to address the infection, but their mixed hearing loss remains.

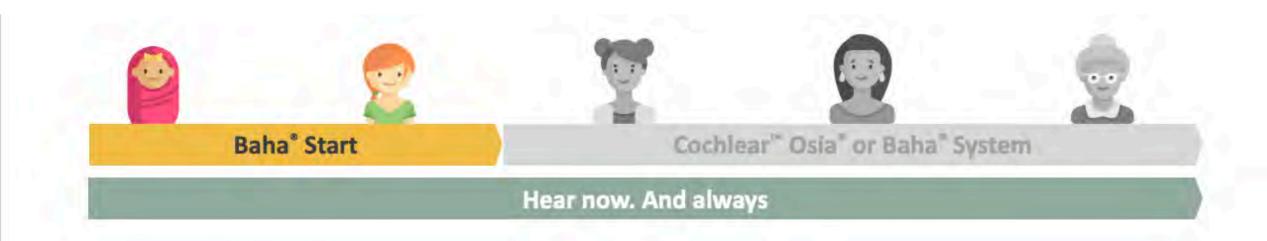


## System candidacy choices – Baha® Start



### PATIENT CHECKLIST:

- ✓ Right candidate?
- ✓ Too young/not ready for an implant?
- ✓ SSD or CHL/MHL ≤ 65 dB SNHL?
- ✓ Coverage available?

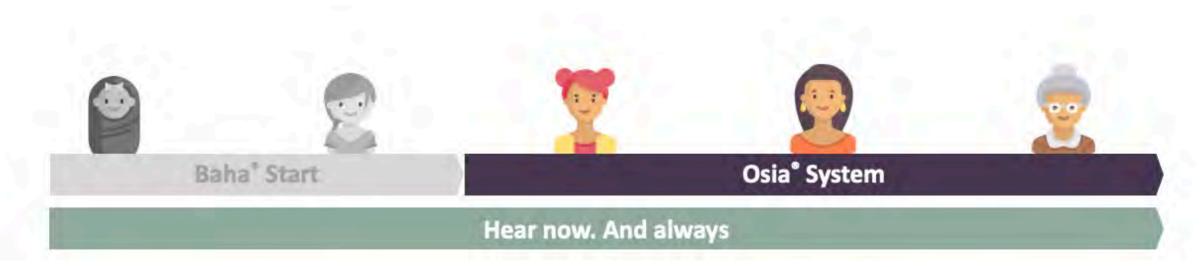


## System candidacy choices – Osia<sup>®</sup> System



#### **PATIENT CHECKLIST:**

- ✓ Right candidate?
- ✓ SSD or CHL/MHL ≤ 55 dB SNHL?
- ✓ No special MRI considerations?
- ✓ Coverage available?

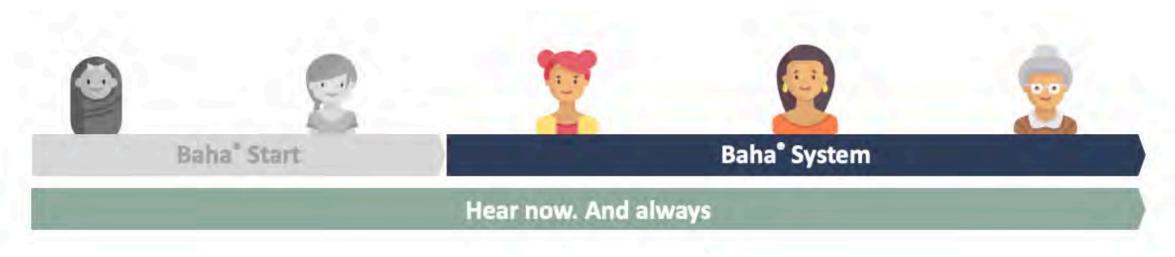


## System candidacy choices – Baha® System



#### **PATIENT CHECKLIST:**

- ✓ BC candidate?
- ✓ Candidate age?\*
- ✓ SSD or CHL/MHL ≤ 65 dB SNHL?
- ✓ MRI considerations?
- ✓ Insurance coverage?



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## The right solution for the right patient





- A three-year-old girl
- Born with aural atresia



- A 30-year-old man
- COM-related hearing loss



- A 55-vear-old woman
- SSD



- A 65-year-old man
- Otosclerosis and presbycusis

- Right candidate
- Too young/not ready for implant
- Conductive hearing loss
- 60 dB air-bone gap
- Coverage available

- Right candidate
- Conductive Hearing Loss
- Prefers low profile processor
- Coverage available

- Right candidate
- Sudden AD SNHL
- Prefers low profile processor
- Coverage available

- Right candidate
- Requires an abutment solution
- Mixed hearing loss (BC PTA 55dBHL)
- Coverage available

### Baha<sup>®</sup> Start

- Baha 6 Max Sound Processor
- Baha Softband
- Cochlear Wireless Mini Mic
- Baha Smart App\*

### Osia<sup>®</sup> System

- Osia 2 Sound Processor
- Cochlear Wireless Mini Mic
- Osia Smart App †

### Osia<sup>®</sup> System

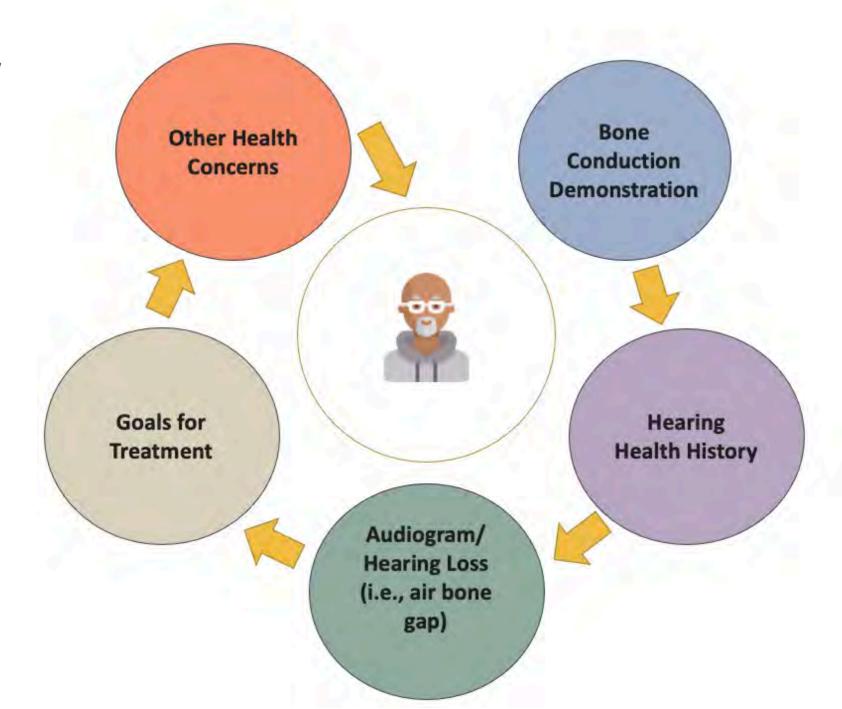
- Osia 2 Sound Processor
- Cochlear Wireless Mini Mic
- Osia Smart App†

### Baha<sup>®</sup> System

- Baha 6 Max Sound Processor
- Cochlear Wireless TV Streamer
- Baha Smart App+

## **Candidacy**







# Demonstrating Bone Conduction

## **Bone Conduction Counseling: Key Points**

- Demonstrate bone conduction early and throughout the counseling session
- Consider and counsel on the optimal wearing option best suited for the patient (surgical or non-surgical)
- Clarify the advantages a surgical option will have compared to the demo experience
- Establish the importance of treating the hearing loss, regardless of the treatment chosen

## **Demonstrating Bone Conduction**

### **Goals**

- Allow patient to experience bone conduction before surgery
- Assist in counseling
- Provide some objective test opportunities, if desired

### **Potential pitfalls**

- Expecting an exact prediction of postsurgical benefit
- Relying on it as the only way to determine candidacy



## **Step 1: Demonstration**



Fit a Baha 6 Max Sound Processor on Softband, SoundArc™ or Test Rod

- Option 1: Use the Baha 6 Max sound processor on factory settings
- Option 2: Set up a demo program in Baha Fitting Software

Allow the patient to experience the sound of bone conduction

- Subjective benefit: "how does it sound?", questionnaires
- Objective benefit: speech perception in noise (especially for SSD candidates), soundfield thresholds

Demonstration is a counseling tool that can give a candidate a sense of what bone conduction might sound like for them

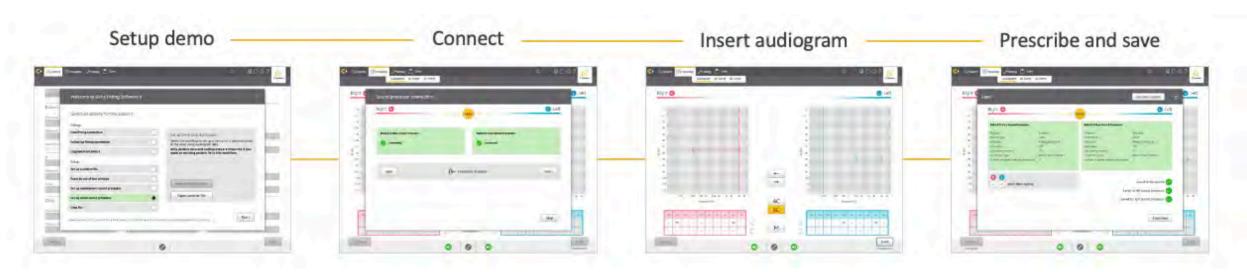




Two ways to set up a Baha 6 Max for a demo:

- Using out of the box setting
- More individualized demo based the patients BC thresholds and fitted through the BFS using the new demo device setup fitting flow in the software.

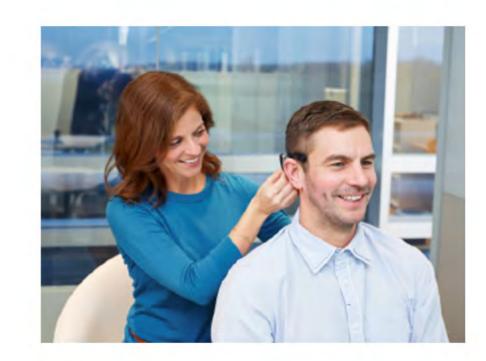
Patient does not need to be present to setup a demo device



## **Demonstration Tips**



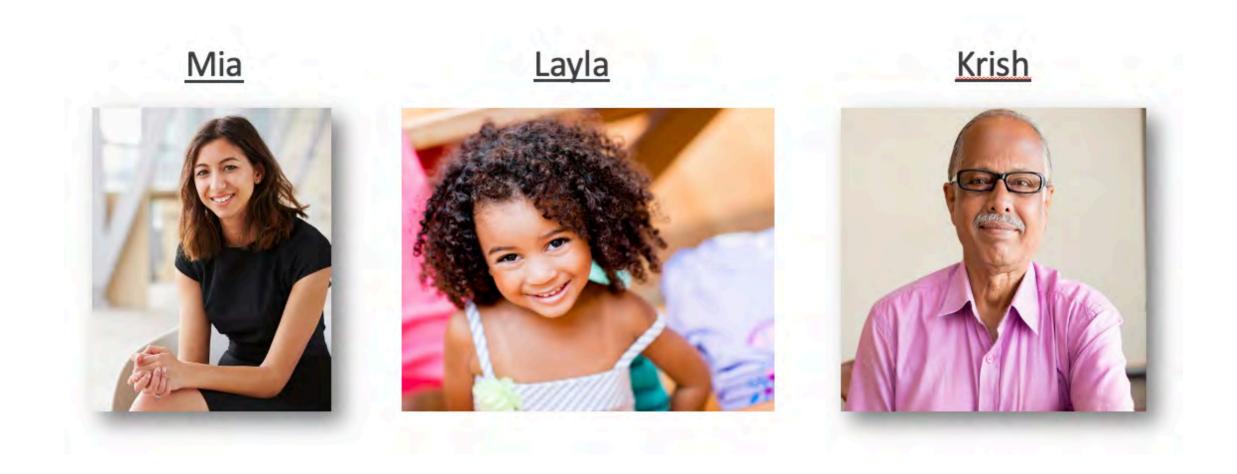
- ✓ Fit the patient early and let them listen with the demo device throughout the appointment
- ✓ Choose a demonstration method that fits your clinic's protocol
- ✓ Use subjective methods to determine benefit (e.g., questionnaires, discussion), adding objective methods when needed (e.g., booth testing)
- ✓ Use the demo as a counseling tool to explain what bone conduction sounds like





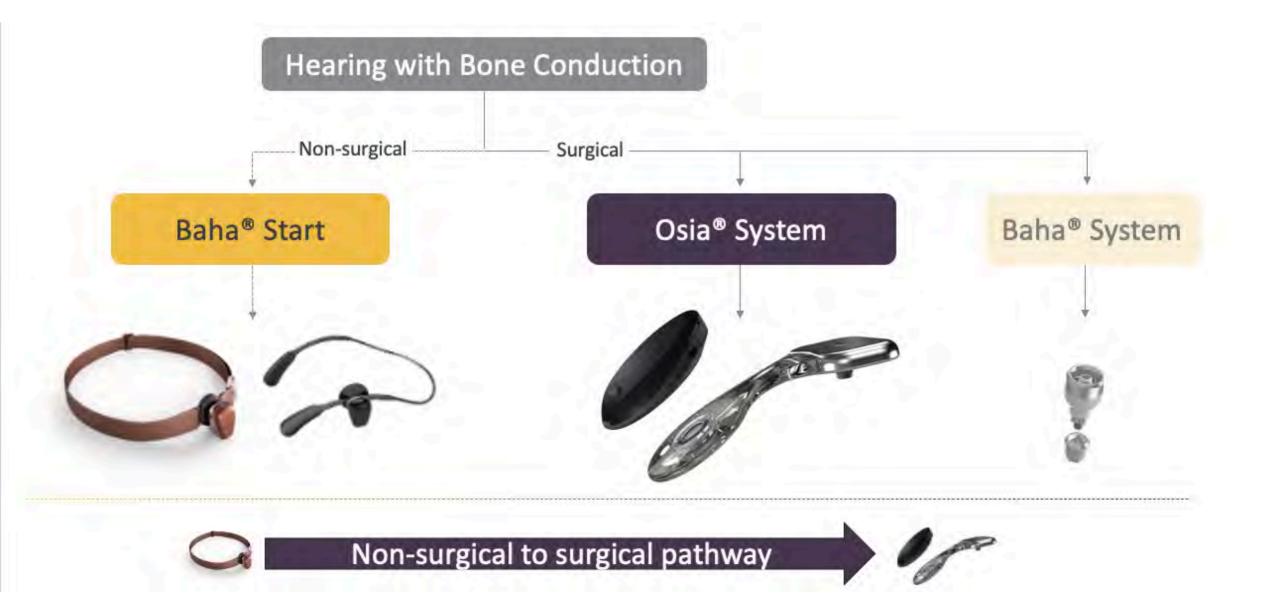
# Counseling and Device Selection

## Let me introduce you\*...



### **Portfolio of Bone Conduction Solutions**



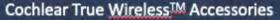


## The Cochlear<sup>™</sup> Osia<sup>®</sup> System



The Osia® System utilizes innovative technologies specifically chosen to work in and with the body, delivering excellent hearing performance in the noisy situations¹ where people tell us they struggle most.









Accessories and Retention Options



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)sia 2 Sound Processor with Aqua+ is water resistant to level IP68 of the International Standard IEC60529 when used with LR44 alkaline or nickel metal hydride disposable batteries. Refer to the ant User Guide for more information. The Osia 2 Aqua+ may not be available in all markets and is subject to regulatory approval and product availability.
...e Cochlear Osia Smart App is available on App Store and Google Play. For compatibility information visit www.cochlear.com/compatibility.

# **Understanding Osia System Indications**

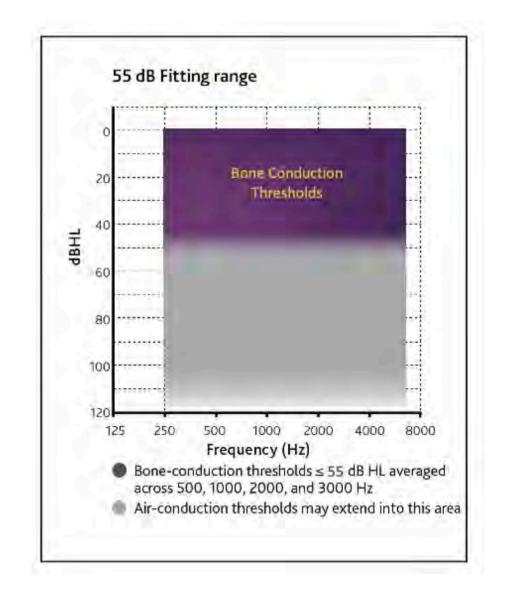
Patients 12 years\* or older who have:

### Single-Sided Deafness

 AC PTA (0.5, 1, 2 & 3 kHz) of better hearing ear < 20 dB</li>

#### Conductive or Mixed Hearing Loss

- BC PTA (0.5, 1, 2 & 3 kHz) is  $\leq 55 \text{ dB}$
- Bilateral candidates should have symmetric bone conduction thresholds (< 10 dB difference between the ears on average (0.5, 1, 2 & 3 kHz) or < 15 dB difference at individual frequencies)



<sup>\*</sup>Patients under 12 years old may consider a Baha Start solution.



# Baha Start - the first step in bone conduction hearing

#### **55 dB** fitting range<sup>1</sup>

Baha 6 Max is designed for better hearing and sound quality in our smallest device



#### **Durable** design

Dust & water protected<sup>2-3†</sup> and packed with new pediatric features



#### Comfortable wearing options

Delivering efficient transmission and suitable for BC demo and long-term use.



#### **Smarter** connectivity<sup>4</sup>

Ready for next generation connectivity including direct Android™ & Apple® streaming<sup>‡</sup>



#### **Low** projection Shorter coupling gives lower projection\* for discreet wearing\*\*

- \* When compared with the Baha 5 or Ponto 4 sound processors. Land J. Comparison tech data Baha 6 Max, legacy and competition. Cochlear Bone Anchored Solutions AB, Sweden. 2020; D1762475

  \*\* Outcomes may vary, and your health professional will advise you about the factors which could affect your outcome.
- The Cochlear Baha 6 Max Sound Processor, with battery compartment excluded, is dust and water resistant to level IP68 of the International Standard IEC60529. Refer to the relevant user guide for information. Tested by the RISE Research Institutes of Sweden AB.
- <sup>‡</sup> Cochlear Baha 6 Max sound processor is compatible with iPhone, iPad, iPod touch and selected Android phones. For compatibility information visit <a href="https://www.cochlear.com/compatibility">www.cochlear.com/compatibility</a>.
- L. Hua H. Baha 6 Max fitting range. Cochlear Bone Anchored Solutions AB, Sweden. 2020; D1725632.
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# **Baha® Connect System**

#### Baha® 6 Max Sound Processor



A premium-power sound processor in a small size

Stability and reliability of the Cochlear™ **BI300 Implant** is backed by more than 10 years of published clinical research and has a 98.4% cumulative implant survival rate. ¹



**DermaLock™ Abutment** clinical proven to integrate with soft tissue.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1.</sup> Vanaelst B. Literature review and Evaluation: BI300 Implant years and survival rate. Cochlear Bone Anchored Solutions AB, Sweden 2019.

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### **Understanding Baha System Indications**

### Patients 5 years or older\* who have:

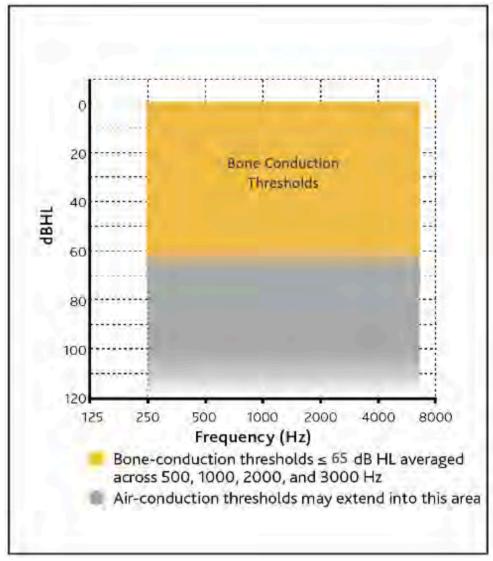
### Single-Sided Deafness

• AC PTA (0.5, 1, 2 & 3 kHz) in better hearing ear ≤ 20 dB

#### Conductive or Mixed Hearing Loss

BC PTA (0.5, 1, 2 & 3 kHz) is ≤ 55 dB for Baha 6
 Max sound processor and ≤ 65 for Baha 5 Super
 Power sound processor

NOTE: Bilateral candidates should have symmetric bone conduction thresholds (< 10 dB difference between the ears on average (0.5, 1, 2 & 3 kHz) or < 15 dB difference at individual frequencies)



<sup>\*</sup>Children under 5 years of age may be suitable for a non-surgical bone conduction solution such as Baha §oftband

#### **Wireless Considerations**



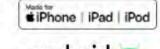
Both Baha and Osia Systems are compatible with a wide range of wireless options

- Direct streaming from Apple and Android\*
- Baha Smart App/Osia Smart App\*\*
- Mini Microphone
- Phone Clip
- TV Streamer
- FM compatibility\*\*\*



<sup>\*\*</sup>The Cochlear Baha and Osia Smart Apps are available on App Store and Google Play. For compatibility information visit www.cochlear.com/compatibility.









<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Using Mini Microphone 2+

#### **Bone Conduction Portfolio Selection Guide**



# Is the patient a candidate for a bone conduction solution?

- Conductive/Mixed HL with BC PTA (.5, 1, 2 & 3 kHz) ≤ 65 dBHL
- Single-Sided Deafness (SSD) with AC PTA in the good ear ≤ 20 dBHL

# Personal Demonstrate bone conduction

- · Use test rod or Softband"
- Allow the candidate to wear the device during counseling when possible

#### Is the patient

- · 5 years of age or younger?
- Unable/unwilling to have any surgical procedure?

YES

Consider a Baha Start System



# Is the patient a candidate for the Cochlear Osia® System?

- Conductive/Mixed HL with BC PTA (.5, 1, 2 & 3 kHz) ≤ 55 dBHL
- Single-Sided Deafness (SSD) with AC PTA (.5, 1, 2 & 3 kHz) in the good ear ≤ 20 dBHL
- Patient is 12 years of age or older
- · counseling when possible

(eg, Other Considerations)

Consider a Baha System



#### Consider Osia® System

YES



#### Other Considerations:

Medical considerations (e.g. SSD after acoustic neuroma removal which requires serial imaging on the side of the implant) may lead to Baha® System consideration.

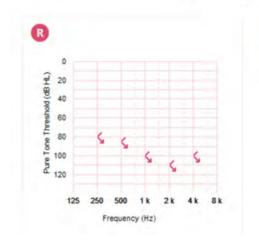
If funding/insurance coverage is not available for the Osia System even after appeal, but would be available for a Baha System, therefore consider a Baha System.

If the BC PTA is over 55dB they need to consider a Baha 5 SuperPower ONLY.

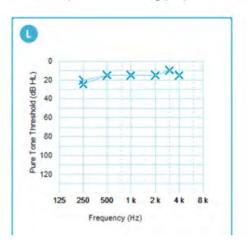
### Case Example: Mia











- History of SSD (profound loss) in Right ear
- Air conduction threshold PTA of 13.75 dBHL in the good (Left) ear (Measured at 500, 1000, 2000, 3000 Hz)
- Sudden SNHL five years ago. Tried steroids but no improvement in hearing. Has been counseled about CROS aids but is uninterested in trying them.

### Case Example: Mia (cont.)

- Mia was seen at Big U Medical Center for a "Bone Conduction Candidacy Appointment"
- Audiologist programmed a Baha 6 Max sound processor on SoundArc for her hearing loss for her to wear throughout her visit
- Mia's goals included hearing better at work when she was on the phone and hearing better in noisy situations
- Testing in the soundfield was completed with noise to the good ear and signal to the poorer ear:
  - Unaided QuickSIN: 8 dB SNR (Moderate SNR Loss)
  - QuickSIN with Baha 6 Max demo: 0 dB SNR (Normal)
- Mia liked the sound of bone conduction with the demo and liked that the Osia System did not have anything visible through the skin



## Case Example: Mia (cont.)

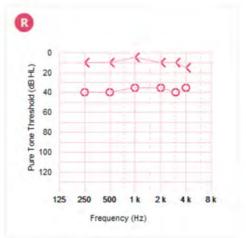
Mia is very interested in Osia and wants to move forward. She received some brochures from her clinic and decided to get on social media to learn more about bone conduction.

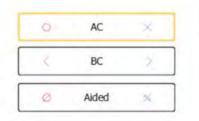


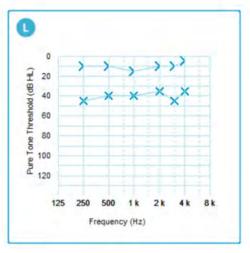
### Case Example: Layla











- 2 years old
- History of bilateral atresia with conductive loss bilaterally
- Bone conduction threshold PTA (500, 1000, 2000, 3000 Hz)
- of 8.75 dBHL in Right ear and 11.25 dBHL in Left ear

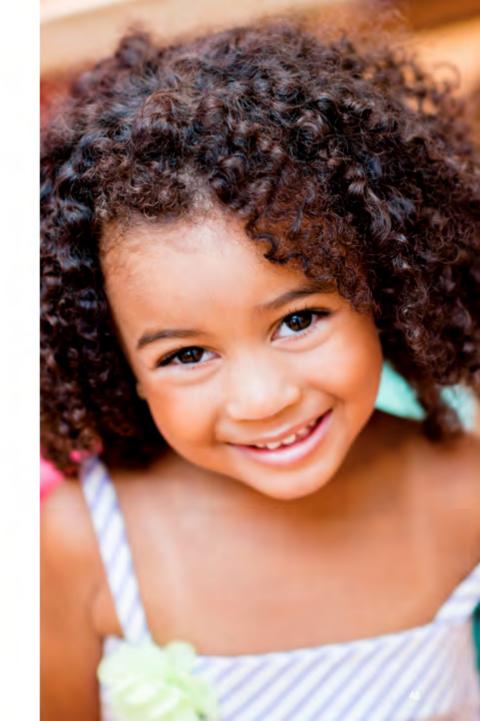
# Case Example: Layla (cont.)

Layla was seen at University Pediatrics for a hearing solutions appointment to discuss bone conduction options with her parents

Audiologist fit her with a pre-programmed Baha 6 Max sound processor on a Softband while she discussed options with parents

Layla's parents expressed concerns with her speech and language development

Layla is currently home with grandma during the day, but parents would like to enroll her in a preschool program when she is 3 years old



# Case Example: Layla (cont.)

Parents received brochures from clinic and started exploring social media

Layla is covered under her state's Medicaid program and her family has some concerns about how long the approval process will take.



# **Cochlear™ Lend an Ear Program**

- Fast access to sound with Baha Start
- Loan-to-Own concept
- Available for pediatric candidates
   12 & under

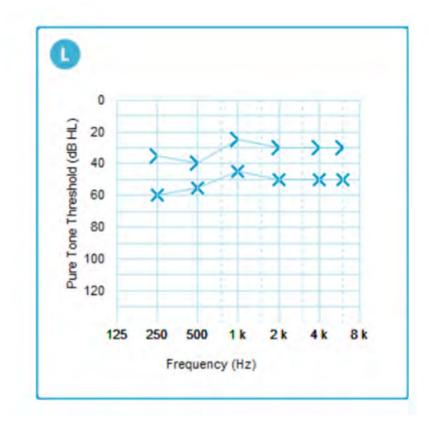


### Case Example: Krish



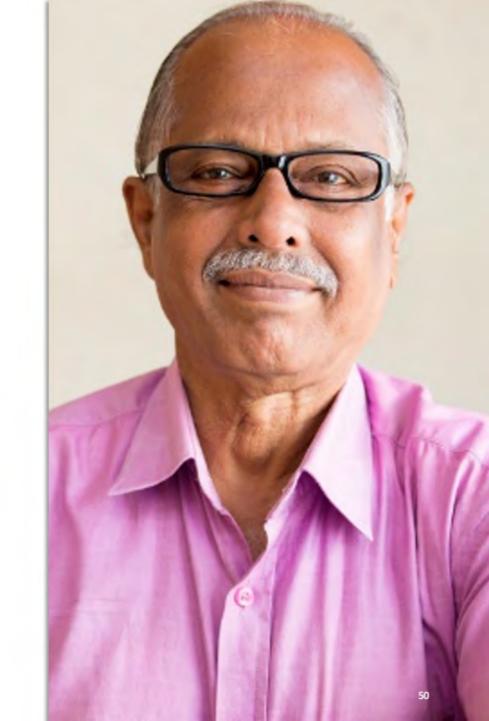


- History of Mixed Hearing Loss in Left Ear
- Bone conduction threshold PTA of 31 dBHL (Measured at 500, 1000, 2000, 3000 Hz)
- Long history of chronic otitis media with several attempts at surgical reconstruction.



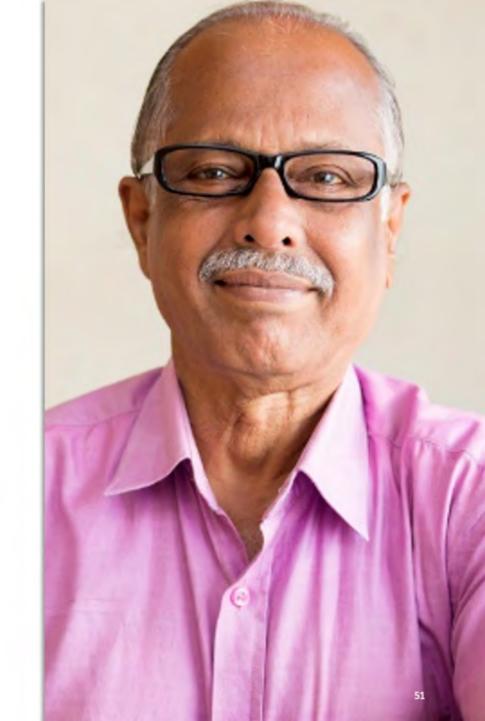
## **Case Example: Krish (cont.)**

- Krish was seen at ABC ENT during a busy clinic day
- His Audiologist immediately thought of Bone Conduction for him and fit him with a pre-set Baha 6 Max on a Softband while discussing options with him
- Krish told her he most wants to converse with his grandchildren on the phone and communicate better while he and his wife are travelling



# **Case Example: Krish (cont.)**

- He was sent home with several brochures and also contact information for his local Cochlear volunteer.
- Krish was scheduled to return to the clinic in two weeks to decide options





# Counseling

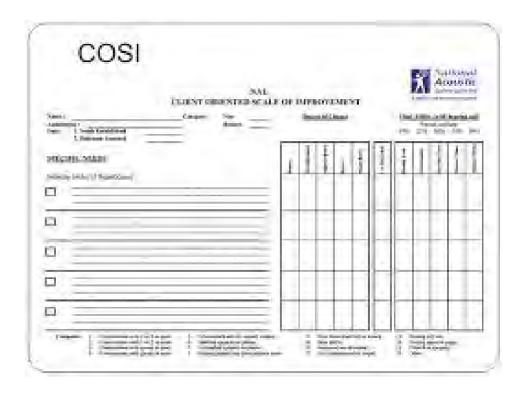
### **Counseling for Bone Conduction**



Counseling should be goal-oriented – what does the patient want to achieve?

Should include basic information about bone conduction systems and how they are different from other treatment options

Evaluate patient lifestyle and what options/accessories might be helpful for them



### **Step 2: Surgical Counseling**

Advise candidates about the differences between hearing with a demo and hearing after surgery

#### Baha:

Baha demonstrations can be used to predict outcomes with Bone Conduction devices after surgery<sup>1,2</sup>



#### Osia:

An exact demonstration of Osia does not exist. Differences exist in the output of Baha on a Softband or SoundArc vs an Osia system, especially in the high frequencies, where Osia is better<sup>1</sup>



<sup>2.</sup> Snapp HA, Fabry DA, Telischi FF, Arheart KL, Angeli SI. (2010) A clinical protocol for predicting outcomes with an implantable prosthetic device (Baha) in patients with single-sided deafness. J Am Acad Audiol, 21(10):654-62.

# **Surgical Counseling**



Address any fears about surgery directly

Bone Conduction implants are typically a same day, outpatient procedure

The procedure generally takes about an hour, with additional time in the preparation and recovery areas

Patient will typically go home the same day

After a few days for recovery, most people are back to their normal routine



"The surgery was absolutely nothing. I think when I heard the word 'surgery,' I just got nervous."

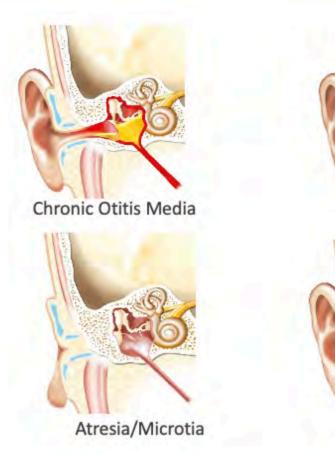
Andria L. - Baha recipient

## **Step 3: Importance of Treating Hearing Loss**

Ensure candidates understand the importance of treating hearing loss

#### **Conductive or Mixed Hearing Loss**

- In conductive and mixed hearing loss a Bone Conduction System may provide more benefit than hearing aids when the conductive element is >30 dB<sup>1,2</sup>
- Besides the problem of recurrent ear discharge, hearing loss is the most frequent effect of COM and may be both conductive and sensorineural in nature.<sup>3</sup>



Otitis Externa

Otosclerosis



<sup>2)</sup> de Wolf MJ, Hendrix S, Cremers CW, Snik AF. Better performance with bone- anchored hearing aid than acoustic devices in patients with severe air-bone gap. Laryngoscope. 2011;121(3):613-6.

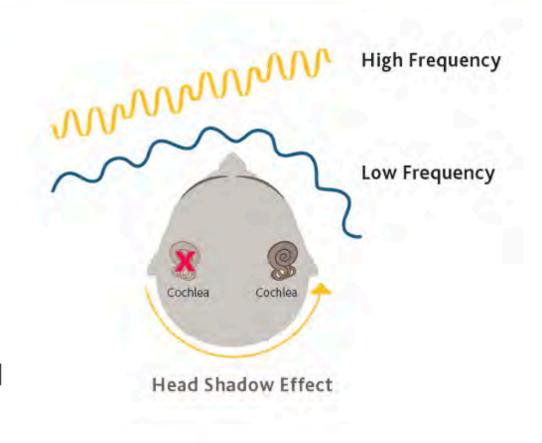
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# **Step 3: Importance of Treating Hearing Loss (cont.)**

Ensure candidates understand the importance of treating hearing loss

# Single-Sided Deafness (SSD)

- Bone conduction treatments provide improved speech understanding in noisy environments for patients with SSD<sup>1</sup>
- The Osia system has an average of 12 dB more available gain in the high frequencies compared to percutaneous bone conduction options<sup>2</sup>, which is especially important in improving speech understanding in background noise

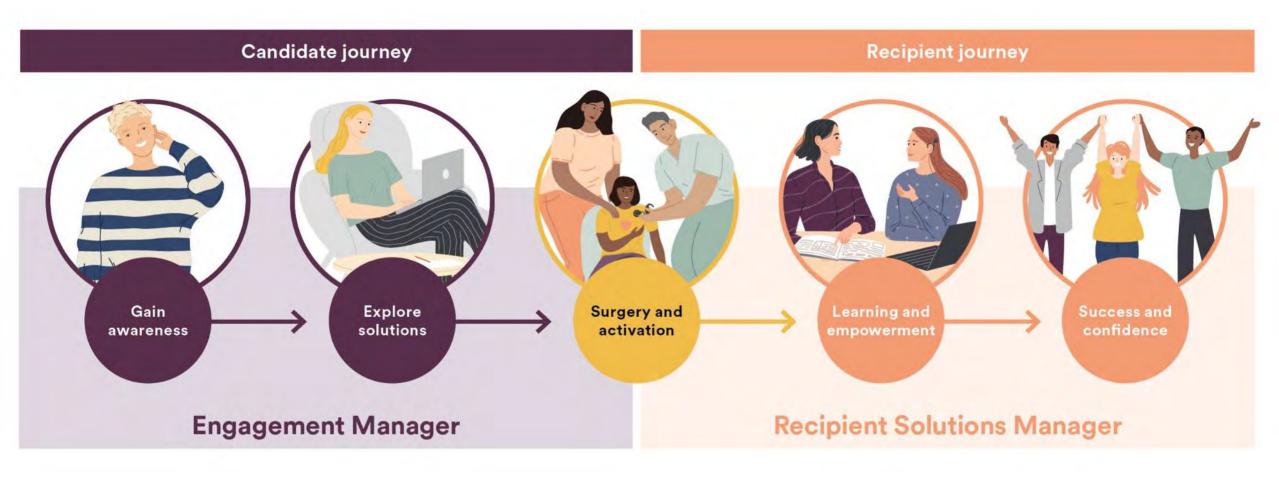




# Lifetime Solutions

# Cochlear<sup>®</sup>

# **Candidate Engagement**



# Why Choose Cochlear for Bone Conduction?

- Cochlear has delivered proven hearing performance and personalized service to our recipients for over 40 years
- Cochlear offers a full portfolio of bone conduction hearing solutions with a broad fitting range (up to 65 dB) to help you treat more patients





# Case Example: Layla

- Layla was fit with a Baha Start Solution using bilateral Baha 6 Max Sound Processors on a Softband under the Lend an Ear program – the processor will be hers once insurance approval is obtained
- Her parents really like having access to the Baha Smart App\* to control and monitor her devices
- Her family uses the mini microphone when at the park, in the car, etc and anticipate Layla will love the direct streaming feature as she gets a bit older
- She is enrolled in preschool and will start in the next few months when she turns 3!

<sup>\*</sup> The Cochlear Baha 6 Max Sound Processor is compatible with Apple and Android devices. The Cochlear Baha Smart App is available on App Store and Google Play. For compatibility information visit www.cochlear.com/compatibility



# **Case Example: Mia**

- Mia received her Osia system and chose the Aqua+ accessory since she loves to swim
- Mia loves using the direct to iPhone streaming at work and she can hear much better in the fast-paced office environment



# **Case Example: Krish**

- After discussions with his clinician and the Cochlear Concierge, Krish decided to move forward with an Osia system
- He chose a Mini Microphone to help him when travelling and eating out and he loves the iPhone features that help him connect with his grandchildren

#### **Conclusions**

- Bone Conduction Solutions can help patients with a variety of common etiologies by treating their hearing along their treatment journey for the disease
- Cochlear's bone conduction portfolio offers patients with conductive hearing loss, mixed hearing loss and SSD more choices than ever before
- Bone Conduction demonstrations coupled with thoughtful counseling will ensure your patients receive the best solution possible





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