

## Participant Information Sheet

**Study Title:** International survey of contralateral hearing aid use in adult cochlear implant users

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*Please read this information carefully before deciding to take part in this research. It is up to you to decide whether or not you wish to take part. If you are happy to participate you will be asked to sign a consent form.*

### What is the research about?

This research forms part of my PhD in Faculty of Engineering and the Environment, looking at bimodal technology outcomes in adult cochlear implant users.

The purpose of the questionnaire is to gauge contralateral hearing aid use in adult cochlear implants users around the world and awareness of the new bimodal synergised Naida Link and CROS hearing aid technology. Questions will cover the following topics:

- Contralateral hearing aid use in adult cochlear implants users around the world
- Reasons for continued or discontinued use of a contralateral hearing aid by adult cochlear implants recipients
- Current location for fitting and maintaining the contralateral hearing aids around the world, i.e. cochlear implant service versus audiology department
- CI professionals' perspectives from around the world regarding where the fitting and maintenance of contralateral hearing aid for CI users should take place
- CI professionals' awareness and experience with the bimodal synergised Naida Link and CROS hearing aid technology

### Why have I been asked to participate?

You have been asked to take part in the survey as you are a professional working within the field of cochlear implants. Practice around the world differs and international collaboration guides future practice, enhancing patient/CI user care.

### What will happen to me if I take part?

The survey questions are provided online via iSurvey. Questions will be presented in multiple formats. The survey has been designed to last no-longer than 10 minutes. Once you have completed the survey, your answers will be automatically sent to the researcher via email.

### Are there any benefits in my taking part?

Providing your insights in this survey will help to have better understanding of the current practice with regards to bimodal fitting across different countries. Thus will contribute towards new guidance to help CI professionals to provide optimal support and maximizing the hearing in adults with unilateral cochlear implant.

**Are there any risks involved?**

There are no anticipated risks to participants who take part in this survey. Contact details for the researcher, project supervisors have been included below in the event that you may require any support following completion of the survey.

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**Will my participation be confidential?**

All electronic data will be stored on a password-protected computer. Participant data will be coded to maintain anonymity.

**What should I do if I want to take part?**

You just need to answer the survey questions.

**What happens if I change my mind?**

You have the right to withdraw from the survey at any time without any repercussions.

**What will happen to the results of the research?**

The results will be written up and published and the anonymised research data be made available for future research projects.

If you wish to have a summary of the results when the study is completed you can contact:

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**Where can I get more information?**

If you have any queries please contact Manal Alfakhri by email on: [mna1g13@soton.ac.uk](mailto:mna1g13@soton.ac.uk)

**What happens if something goes wrong?**

If any concerns arise after reading this information, please contact the ethics committee [risethic@soton.ac.uk](mailto:risethic@soton.ac.uk), or the Research Governance Manager [rgoinfo@soton.ac.uk](mailto:rgoinfo@soton.ac.uk).

**Thank you.**