



Columbia, SC Chapter

AN EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR

## Cochlear Implants 2017: Advances in Technology, Candidacy and Outcomes

Cochlear implant candidacy and outcomes have advanced reflecting technology improvements and better linkage between the surgical intervention and follow-up care. Children and adults with a wider range of hearing loss and other medical issues are now benefiting importantly from traditional cochlear implants as well as hybrid and auditory brainstem implants. Medicare age individuals who have been told they have a bit too much hearing to qualify for Medicare coverage for a CI may be candidates for a clinical study.

- Learn about:**
- How and why CI candidacy criteria have expanded
  - Device changes and impact on CI recipient outcomes
  - Medicare candidacy expansion study for adults 65+
  - Factors that contribute to successful CI use

**Date:** Saturday, February 25 @ 1 – 4 PM

**Location:** Still Hopes Retirement Community  
1 Still Hopes Drive  
West Columbia, SC 29169

**Accommodations:**

Real-time captioning and inductive loop system

All are welcome. There is no charge.  
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**Presenter**

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