



# Hearing Loss Association of America

## Greater Baltimore Chapter

AN EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR

## Cochlear Implants 2016: 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:** Thursday, October 27 @ 6 – 8 PM

**Location:** Hearing Loss Association of America / Greater Baltimore Chapter  
Meeting Location: The Hearing and Speech Agency  
5900 Metro Drive  
Baltimore, MD 21215

**Accommodations:**

Real-time captioning, inductive loop system and sign language interpreters

All are welcome. There is no charge.

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**Presenters**

Howard Francis MD is professor and deputy director of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at Johns Hopkins University where he specializes in ear surgery and directs the Johns Hopkins Listening Center. His research interests include the evaluation of best practices of acoustic neuroma treatment, the study of cochlear implant outcomes in young children and older adults, and the study of best practices in surgical education.

Donna Sorkin MA is executive director of American Cochlear Implant Alliance, a non-profit organization. Her work focuses on improving access to cochlear implants for people of all ages through research, advocacy, and awareness. She served as the second executive director of Hearing Loss Association of America.



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