



Salt Lake City 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
  - The three CI devices from manufacturer representatives at tabletop exhibits

**Date:** Wednesday, March 29 @ 7 – 9 PM

**Location:** Sanderson Center  
Division of Services to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing  
5709 S. 1500 West  
Taylorsville, UT 84123-5217

**Accommodations:** Real-time captioning and assistive listening system

All are welcome. There is no charge.

Please RSVP to the HLAA–Salt Lake City Chapter: [hearinglossUtah@gmail.com](mailto:hearinglossUtah@gmail.com)

### Presenters

Colin Driscoll MD is Professor and Chair of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester (MN). Dr. Driscoll has a busy surgical practice covering all aspects of otologic and lateral skull base surgery. He has published his research extensively on his research interests, which include implantable hearing devices. He speaks at educational conferences around the world. Colin Driscoll is Chair of the Board of Directors of ACI Alliance.

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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