



# Kathryn Chlosta

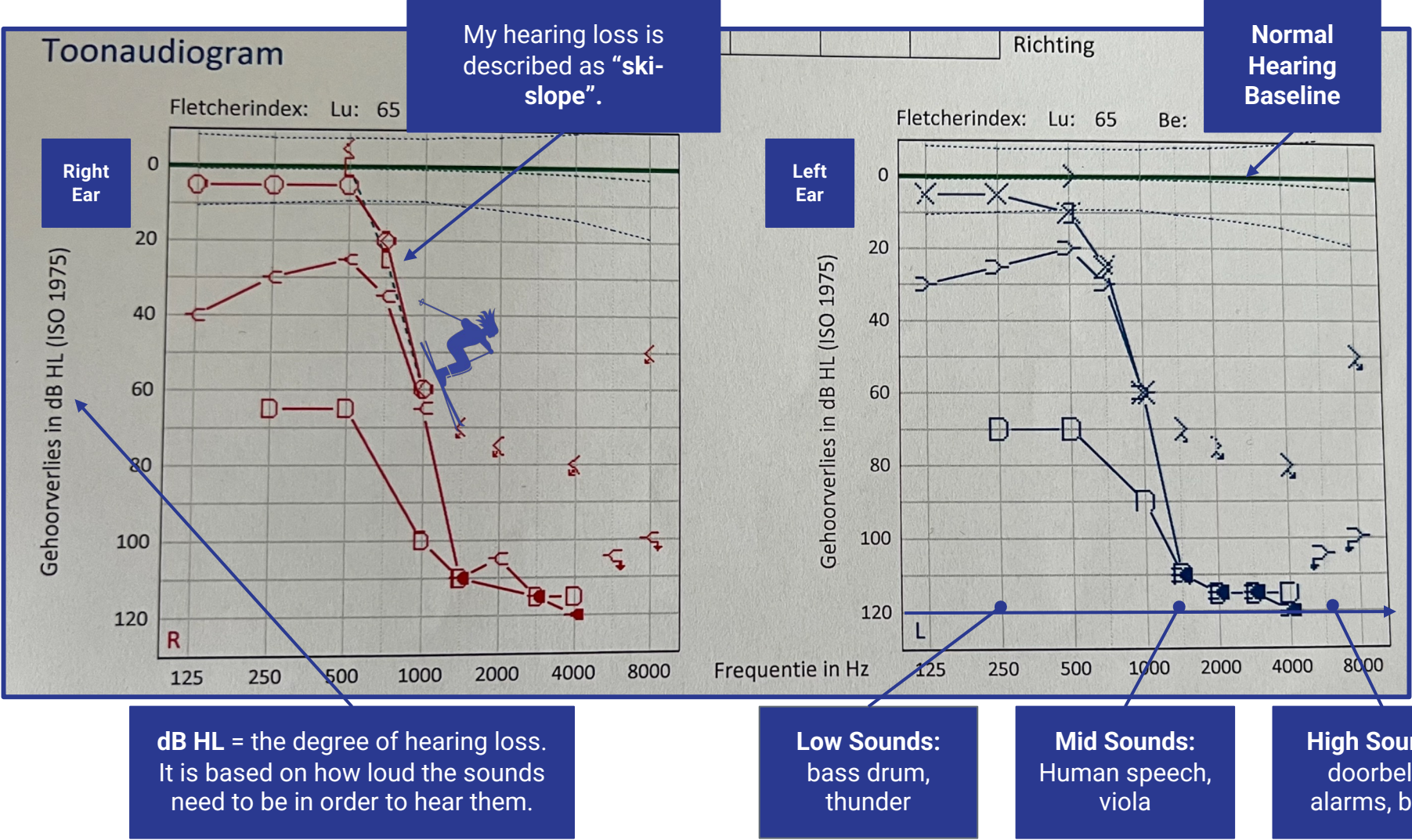
- Kathryn Chlosta is on a journey towards getting a cochlear implant. The journey started when she was 10 years old, when her ski-slope high-frequency hearing loss was first detected.
- Now at 32, she's currently undergoing evaluation for cochlear implant candidacy. The past year entailed her own extensive research in all aspects of the cochlear implant.
- She will share her findings and observations with the larger CI community and hopes to inspire those who are just embarking on their own Cochlear Implant journey.
- Originally from the United States, she has been living in the Netherlands for the past 12 years.

# The CI Sleuth

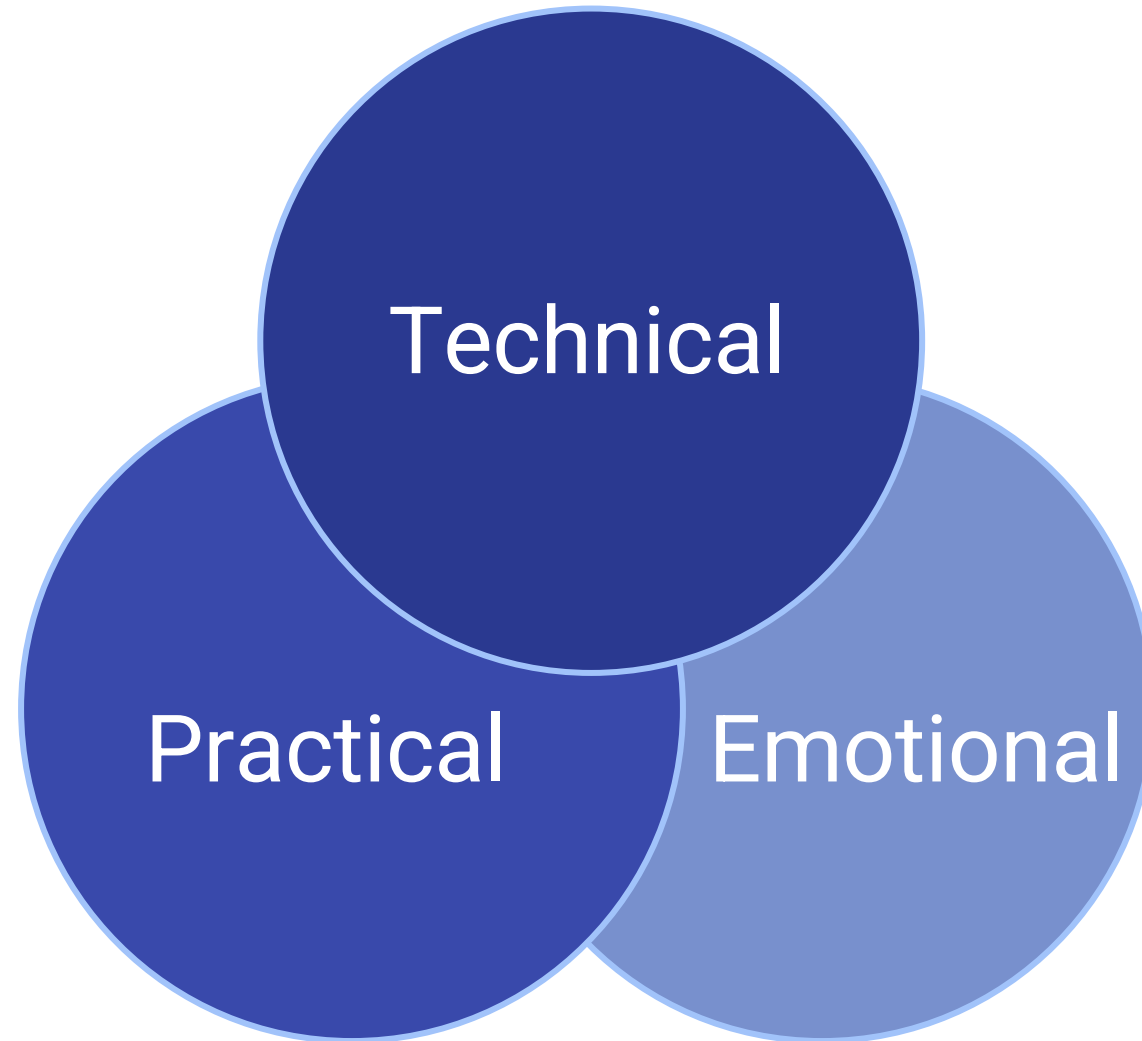
The Technical, Practical and Emotional Journey  
through Cochlear Implant Candidacy

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# My Hearing Loss



## Parts of the CI Journey



# Technical



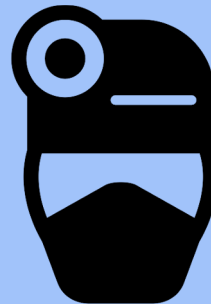
**What is a cochlear implant?**



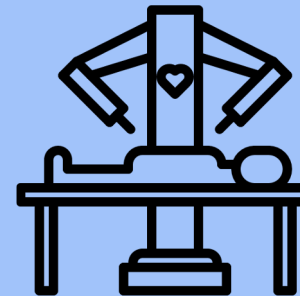
**How does a CI compare to a hearing aid?**



**What caused the hearing loss?**



**Who is the best surgeon for me?**



**What does the surgery and recovery entail?**

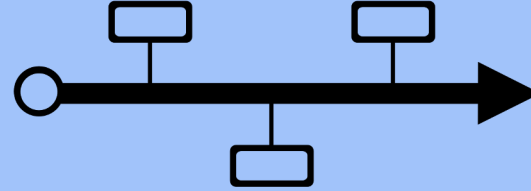


**How do I use the cochlear implant?**

# Practical



**Where can I ask questions?**



**What is the end-to-end timeline?**



**What does my insurance cover?**



**In what language is the speech therapy?**



**What device is the most suitable for me?**



**How do I maintain work during this period?**

# Emotional



**Taking time to  
grieve hearing loss**



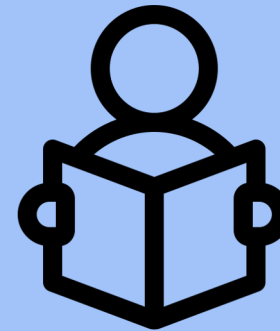
**Learning about the  
reality of music with a CI**



**Building a support  
network with CI Users**



**Confidence Coaching /  
Mental Support**



**Introducing family and  
friends to the CI world**



**Preparing for your post-  
care journey**



# Journey Ahead

