CIICA LIVE
CI SERVICES MATTER: RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CIICA’S GLOBAL ADULT CONSULTATION

MONDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2023
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TUESDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2023
06:00 AEDT, 08:00 NZ

Chair: Sue Archbold

Welcome to CIICA LIVE
Listening to Adults with CI: our consultation
What did they say and what do we do?
Promoting awareness of CI: why and how?
Lifelong CI services – what do we really want?
Young Adults Implanted as Children: what do we need?
Rehabilitation is key from the start
Bridging the gap: funding and service delivery, the view from Brazil
Lifelong Funding: changing the model?
Round up

Leo De Raeve
Connie Mayer
Sue Archbold
Nic Russell
Lori Sammartino
Jess Hissam
Harald Seidler
Carmen Barreir-Nielsen
Brian Lamb

English captioning will be available and other languages on request. We will welcome comments and questions in the chat room and will make time for discussion.
LEO DE RAEVE
Leo is a teacher of the deaf, working with many deaf children and their families, and has been involved with cochlear implantation since the very early days. He established ONICI in Belgium as an Information and Education website and organisation for CI and works globally to improve provision. He is now Acting Chair of CIICA, Scientific Advisor EURO-CIU and Director ONICI.

CONNIE MAYER
Connie Mayer is a Professor in the Faculty of Education at York University and Academic Co-ordinator of the Teacher Preparation Program in the Education of Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH) students. Before this, Connie worked as a teacher of the deaf for more than twenty years in a range of communication settings and her special interests are in language and literacy, CI in children, communication approaches and teacher education. She is currently working on research on literacy outcomes in deaf children, and is leading CIICA’s research into adult services after CI.

SUE ARCHBOLD
Sue is Coordinator of CIICA and has a background as a teacher of the deaf and managed Nottingham CI programme from its inception for 15 years. She is a strong supporter of user and family led research in CI to find out what is happening in real life and will share the key issues which emerged from the adult survey and what our recommendations are.

NIC RUSSELL
Nic Russell has been the Marketing and Communications Manager for the Pindrop Foundation for 10 years. Nic comes from a health advocacy and consumer engagement background, having worked in health campaigns and attended international training workshops for health consumer advocacy in America and Australia. Nic holds a post graduate diploma in communications management and PR, in addition to a BA in Psychology. The driving force behind her role is the people she meets and seeing the life changing benefits cochlear implants have had on their lives.

JESS HISSAM
Jess is an Executive Director of the Center for Advancement of NEXTGEN Deaf, and a content creator on Instagram and TikTok (@jess.hsquared). Jess was born d/Deaf and wears bilateral cochlear implants to access the hearing world and communicate with others around her. Jess loves sharing her story of her d/Deaf journey, finding her d/Deaf identity as a cochlear implant user, and her everyday experiences as a d/Deaf woman to share a perspective of her d/Deaf community and empower families who are navigating the hardships of Deafness in their family.

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HARALD SEIDLER
Chief Physician of the MediClin Bosenberg Kliniken, Clinic for ENT, Tinnitus Special Clinic, Treatment Spectrum/Special Features: Treatment of Tinnitus, Hearing Impairment, Dizziness and Cochlear Implant Patients, Diseases of Otorhinolaryngology. Dr Seidler is Specialist in ENT medicine from 1987, with an additional qualification in rehabilitation and since 1999 has been a specialist examiner for ENT medicine. He has developed of a continuing education course audio therapy (DSB and contributed numerous articles in print media, contributions in radio, television.

LORI SAMMARTINO
Lori is a retired elementary school teacher turned life coach who received her cochlear implant in Nov 2020 after having experienced a virus that left her with sudden sensory neuro hearing loss resulting in single-sided deafness. Since then, she’s discovered a passion for helping others through the emotional side of hearing loss, especially those who’ve faced sudden unexpected loss, because she knows first-hand the challenges of navigating and advocating for what’s needed to return to flourishing.

CARMEN BARRERIA-NIELSEN
Audiologist and professor in the Speech Language Pathology and Audiology Department at the Federal University of Espírito Santo- Brazil. She has held leadership positions in hearing health services over the years. As an audiologist, she constantly advocates for better public policies in the field of hearing health care. Currently, her research focuses on improving accessibility, continuity, and integrality of care for cochlear implant users, expanding best practices to include both in-person and remote care.

BRIAN LAMB
Brian Lamb is Public Policy advisor for CIICA and will address the issue of how we can find ways to fund access to CI and the essential support services that should follow. He has worked not just on funding models for access to CI but also thinks the focus of health funding should also be on support and rehabilitation for CI users if they are to make the best of their implants. He also advocates that we should talk more about CI funding as an investment and stop thinking of it as a cost.