

ADVANCING AWARENESS OF COCHLEAR IMPLANTS (CI) IN LOW AND MIDDLE INCOME COUNTRIES LISTENING TO PARENTS/LEGAL GUARDIANS OF CHILDREN WITH COCHLEAR IMPLANTS

At **CIICA**, we invite parents/legal guardians of children with cochlear implants (CI) living in Low and Middle Income Countries to share their stories and help advance awareness and inspire advocacy efforts. Stories from parents/legal guardians of children on the CI pathway are accepted as well. The stories will highlight challenges and successes in accessing and utilizing CIs and corresponding services for their children as part of Ear and Hearing Care.

IF YOU ARE A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF A CHILD WITH CI OR YOUR CHILD IS ON THE CI PATHWAY, PLEASE CONSIDER CONTRIBUTING TO THIS PROJECT

INSTRUCTIONS

- Please complete the consent form on the CIICA website <https://ciicanet.org/resources/new-resource-development-parents-voices-in-lmic/>
- As you write or talk, please think about the following questions. You do not need to answer them directly, but they will help guide what you write, and other people will be interested to know:
 - What was/is your biggest challenge?
 - What has been or is your greatest support/help?
 - What is your child's greatest achievement to date?
 - What advice would you give another parent?
 - What change have you made to achieve better access to cochlear implants?
- We are not worried about the grammar you use! We just want your story – so please write as you speak – or tell it to someone to write for you.
- 700 words is the maximum, with 2 images, if possible, which have consent.
- The stories must be in English* and will initially be on the CIICA website and shared in the CIICA network. They will be anonymous, but the country will be named.
- CIICA will write a report on the topics that arise in these stories from parents/legal guardians.
- **Closing date for submission: 31 Jan 2026: Send to info@ciicanet.org**
- **With your name, relationship to child, email, country, current age of child, age at implantation, and signed consent form**

Thank you!

PLEASE NOTE: CIICA reserves the right to review and edit all stories and select those that appear on the website and other CIICA communication tools.

*Stories and consent forms may be translated using Google Translate. Please have a native speaker review the translation before submission.