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Perth Children's Hospital

My cochlear implant switch on



I went to hospital to get a cochlear implant. I will go back to the hospital soon to have my cochlear implant switched on. I won't need to sleep over this time – I'm just going for a visit!



I will see my audiologist and speech pathologist in the blue room. This room has special equipment that my audiologist will use to check my cochlear implant.



I will get shown how to use my cochlear implant. There are lots of things for my family to remember.



I will get my new processor. This is the part that I wear on my head. There will be a cord going from my processor to the computer so my audiologist can check it. When I go home, there won't be a cord.



I will hear beeps and I need to tell my audiologist when I hear or feel something. If I don't like the sound, I can tell them and they will make it softer.



My cochlear implant will sound funny to start with. I might not be able to hear anything.



Cochlear implants sound different at the beginning for everyone! Some kids say that it can sound 'robotic', 'high pitched' or 'squeaky' to start with. It will get better.



It is important I wear my processor all the time when I am awake. This will help my brain to listen with my cochlear implant so that it starts to sound better!



Once my audiologist has finished checking my cochlear implant and we learn how to use it, I get to go home!



I'll see my audiologist and speech pathologist again in 2 weeks!





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