Check list for Cochlear Implant Evaluations: ADULTS

☐ INITIAL CONSULTATION

This meeting with a Cochlear Implant Audiologist includes a detailed discussion regarding: hearing loss, criteria for cochlear implant candidacy, explanation of all the necessary evaluation and post-implant appointments, benefits and risks of implantation and a brief review of currently available cochlear implant devices and technology. Please bring ALL audiologic and pertinent medical records to this appointment. The case history, meningitis vaccine information and insurance forms should be returned at this time. Please wear or bring your hearing aids to this appointment.

Note: If appropriate hearing aids are not worn or have not been worn, a hearing aid trial may be recommended.

☐ AUDIOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT

Testing will be completed to assess hearing aid benefit and determine candidacy. Speech perception tests with words and sentences will be performed to determine speech understanding without visual information. If necessary, the audiologist may recheck your hearing without hearing aids if previous testing is outdated or does not agree with aided testing. Please wear your hearing aids and make sure they are in good working order for this test to be valid. This appointment may be repeated if testing indicates poorly fit hearing aids or is not reliable. If time allows, a device discussion will also be a part of this appointment. Otherwise, the device discussion will be scheduled separately.

☐ CT SCAN

The CT scan is a high contrast x-ray of the inner ear to evaluate the anatomy of the cochlea. The CT scan can be done at a local radiology facility depending on insurance coverage. The patient is responsible for bringing copies of these films to the otologic consult. If the doctor feels it necessary, an MRI may also be requested.

☐ OTOLOGIC CONSULT

This is the meeting with the surgeon. The doctor will take a detailed medical history, review the CT scan, determine if medical contraindications exist, and determine if additional testing is needed before surgery. This appointment will also include a discussion of the risks and benefits of implantation and a detailed review of the surgery and recovery. If appropriate, other evaluations may be recommended.

☐ PNEUMOVAX / PREVNAR VACCINATION (PROOF OF THIS IS REQUIRED)

This can be completed at any time during the preimplant process. Please refer to enclosed paperwork for additional information or visit the CDC website:

www.cdc.gov/nip/diseases/meningitis/cochlear/cochlear-gen.htm