

Information for your hospital stay

Cochlear implant operations are performed at The Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital, St Vincent's Private (formerly Mercy Private Hospital) and the Royal Children's Hospital. Each hospital will provide you with specific information regarding your stay but generally an overnight stay will be required.

What to bring:

Personal items

- Hearing aid
- Button up pyjamas or something easy to get over your head
- Dressing gown or front fastening jacket
- Slippers
- Toiletries
- Special toy or blanket to cuddle (recommended for children)
- Socks (large enough to put over intravenous (IV) drip if placed into the foot)
- Disposable nappies (recommended for children)
- Formula (if required)
- Physical aids

Documents and information

- All medications
- Health care card, Medicare card and/or Veterans' Affairs card
- Information regarding allergies or special dietary needs

Carer items (only when accompanying children)

- Comfortable clothes
- Tracksuit for night
- Blanket and pillow or sleeping bag
- Snacks and drinks
- Toiletry needs
- Money for meals and parking
- Book or magazine

Fasting

All patients will need to fast for a number of hours before their operation. You will be provided with instructions from the hospital to which you will be admitted.



If you get sick before your operation

If you become sick, have a cold or flu, get admitted to another hospital, or choose not to go ahead with your operation, please contact the relevant hospital's admission department.

The Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital

Surgical Bookings Unit
Phone: (03) 9929 8553

St Vincent's Private

Admissions
Phone: (03) 9928 6555

Royal Children's Hospital

Admissions
Phone: (03) 9345 6179

Transport or social work support

If you require transport assistance to attend your operation, or believe you may require additional support when your return home, please contact (03) 9929 8234. Press 1 for an interpreter, 2 for transport and accommodation officer or 3 to speak with a social worker.

Who to contact if you have a concern

For any concerns, please contact:

Cochlear Implant Clinic

6th Floor, Smorgon Family Wing
32 Gisborne Street
East Melbourne VIC 3002
Ph: 03 9929 8624

For medical concerns, please visit the Eye and Ear Emergency Department or call 03 9929 8666.

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