

Outcomes of Children with Hearing Impairment



NAL is one of the world's leading hearing research institutes. Its research benefits the Australian community, as well as many hearing impaired people in other countries.

National Acoustic Laboratories (NAL) is the Research Division of Australian Hearing. NAL is conducting a study to examine the abilities and achievement of children who wear hearing aids and/or cochlear implants.

Who can participate?

Any child under 3 years of age who has hearing aids and/or cochlear implants can participate.

We understand that the time following a child's diagnosis of hearing loss can be one of mixed emotions and stress for parents and families.

So, please take your time to consider participation in this study.

If your family agrees to participate you will be helping us ensure each child, including yours, is looked after in the way that helps them make the most of their hearing.

Participation in the study is entirely voluntary. Please be assured that your decision will in no way affect the services your child receives at Australian Hearing.

What is involved?

If you decide for your child to be part of the study, a NAL research audiologist will visit him/her at your hearing centre. We will monitor his/her speech and language development at fixed intervals over a period of five years.

How can my child participate?

- ❖ If your child is receiving hearing aids for the first time, a NAL audiologist will be available on the fitting day at your hearing centre to discuss the study with you.
- ❖ If your child is already wearing hearing aids and/or a cochlear implant and you wish to know more, please contact one of the NAL research audiologists listed on this brochure.

***Note:** If you do not wish NAL research staff to attend your child's fitting appointment, or contact you in future about this study, please inform your Australian Hearing Audiologist or District Manager.*

Your privacy

All information NAL collects will be held in strictest confidence, and your child will not be identifiable in reports and publications.

Any questions?

If you have any questions regarding participation in this research, please phone one of the NAL researchers for your state listed below.

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