

# Phonak

# Resource

## Questions to ask your audiologist

2019 - This resource was created by the first Phonak Teen Advisory Board.

### General questions

1. Which model of hearing aids [cochlear implant | BAHA] would best fit my needs in terms of my frequency of loss and whether or not I need more leeway to possibly continue losing my hearing to get the volume turned up?
2. Am I currently using the tech that best matches my hearing loss?
3. Am I a cochlear implant candidate?
4. Should I be using additional microphones that pair with my hearing tech (ex. Roger or remote mics)?
5. What should I do if I have difficulty connecting to my other devices? (Roger Pen™, Roger Select™, etc.)
6. How long will a battery last (with/ without an FM/Roger™ system, ComPilot, etc.)?
7. Is there Bluetooth® compatibility? Do I need a secondary device such as a ComPilot or streamer to be able to listen to music or other sounds on my device?
8. Can you enable a flashing light so I can tell when the battery is dead or what program the device is in?
9. Are there rechargeable options good for me?
10. Is there an app available where I can check the battery life of a rechargeable hearing aid?
11. How does funding work for teens? Am I eligible for a new device? Does my state cover hearing aids? How does coverage change after I'm 18?

### Hearing aid specific questions

1. How long should I wait until my tubes need changing?
2. Do my hearing aids have a T-coil program? Is it manual or automatic?
3. Should I get earmolds with a vent hole and if so, how big? Are my hearing aids programmed as such?
4. Are my hearing aids waterproof or water resistant? If they are waterproof, how far can I submerge myself? If water resistant, what does that mean?
5. Do I have a way to increase or decrease the volume on my hearing aids manually?
6. What is the best form factor for me – a behind the ear, receiver in the canal or in the ear?

### Cochlear implant specific questions

1. What programs are set on my implant?
2. Are there any new programs available?
3. What would be the optimal solution to hear with two ears?

4. What would be the optimal solution for me as a CI user in the following situations:
- I'm in a dusty environment (e.g. beach) or in the water?
  - I'm listening to music?
  - when I need to listen in a noisy situation (e.g. classroom)?
  - when I want to call my friends on a mobile phone or landline?

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