

Cochlear Implant Management Skills (CIMS) - self-administered (CIMS-self) survey

Description: The CIMS-self is a ten item questionnaire evaluating cochlear implant device management skills.

Administration: The CIMS-self can be administered in a paper based or electronic format. Instructions to the client are included on the top of the survey.

Scoring: Each response category is allocated a certain number of points:

3 points	2 points	1 point	0 points	0 points
Never/ Unsure	Sometimes	Most of the time	Always	Not Applicable
		I am Unsure	Yes	No (go to Q...)
Unsure	Never	Less than twice per year	Two or more times per year	Not Applicable

CIMS-self total score is calculated by adding the points for each task (maximum of 51 points = 16 part tasks x 3 points, plus 3 'I am unsure' options), subtracting from 51 and dividing by 0.51.

The final score represents percentage of competency, increasing to 100 per cent as difficulty decreases. A score of less than 100 per cent indicates the need for retraining.

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Name _____

Today's date _____

Date of birth _____

Please mark the response that best reflects your ability to perform each task.

Please select **one** response for each question.

1. Are you confident with your ability to remove your hearing implant device (speech processor)?	Never/ Unsure	Sometimes	Most of the time	Always	Not Applicable
2. Are you confident with your ability to turn your device off and on? (disconnecting the battery, muting the device or switching off at the device are all acceptable methods)	Never/ Unsure	Sometimes	Most of the time	Always	Not Applicable
3. Are you confident with your ability to charge your rechargeable batteries and/or change your disposable batteries?	Never/ Unsure	Sometimes	Most of the time	Always	Not Applicable
4a. Are you confident with your ability to clean your hearing implant device? (includes wiping down processor, coil and magnet)	Never/ Unsure	Sometimes	Most of the time	Always	Not Applicable
b. Are you confident with your ability to change the microphone cover? (not applicable to all devices)	Never/ Unsure	Sometimes	Most of the time	Always	Not Applicable
5a. Are you confident with your ability to use your dry store unit?	Never/ Unsure	Sometimes	Most of the time	Always	Not Applicable
5b. How often do you change your dry store unit tablet?	Unsure	Never	Less than twice per year	Two or more times per year	Not Applicable
6a. Are you confident with your ability to put your hearing implant device on?	Never/ Unsure	Sometimes	Most of the time	Always	Not Applicable
6b. Is your device comfortable and not causing pressure sores?	Never/ Unsure	Sometimes	Most of the time	Always	Not Applicable
7a. Is your hearing implant device set up with a volume control?			I am Unsure	Yes	No (go to Q8)
7b. Are you confident with your ability to adjust the volume of your device? (using the processor or remote control to do this are both acceptable methods)	Never/ Unsure	Sometimes	Most of the time	Always	Not Applicable

7c. Are you confident in knowing what volume level to set your device in different situations?	Never/ Unsure	Sometimes	Most of the time	Always	Not Applicable
8a. Is your hearing implant device set up with multiple programs?			I am Unsure	Yes	No (go to Q9)
8b. Are you able to adjust the program setting of your device? (using the processor or remote control to do this are both acceptable methods)	Never/ Unsure	Sometimes	Most of the time	Always	Not Applicable
8b. Are you confident in knowing what program to select in different situations?	Never/ Unsure	Sometimes	Most of the time	Always	Not Applicable
9a. Is your hearing implant device set up with a telecoil (use for the telephone and loop systems)?			I am Unsure	Yes	No (go to Q10)
9b. Are you able to access your telecoil? (using the processor or remote control to do this are both acceptable methods)	Never/ Unsure	Sometimes	Most of the time	Always	Not Applicable
9c. Do you know how to hold the phone in the optimal position when using the telecoil?	Never/ Unsure	Sometimes	Most of the time	Always	Not Applicable
10. Are you confident with your ability to use your remote control?	Never/ Unsure	Sometimes	Most of the time	Always	Not Applicable
11. Would you like us to arrange an appointment for you to see your audiologist to review any of the above items?				Yes	No
Comments:					