

## Educational and Habilitation Issues for Children with Cochlear Implants

This all day seminar is designed for audiologists, speech language pathologists, teachers of the deaf, early interventionists, parents, classroom teachers and anyone else who is involved in the education and/or habilitation of children with cochlear implants.

The seminar will be presented by professional staff from the University of Virginia Medical Center, Western Washington University and Cochlear Americas.

### Event Schedule

- 8:00 - 9:00 Registration
- 9:00 - 9:30 Welcome & Overview -  
*Lori Plank, MSP, University of Virginia*
- 9:30 - 10:00 Educational Issues  
*Donna Sorkin, Cochlear Americas*
- 10:00 - 10:15 Break (refreshments provided)
- 10:15 - 11:30 Educational Issues  
*Donna Sorkin, Cochlear Americas*
- 11:30 - 12:00 Troubleshooting Cochlear Implants  
*Linda Figini, M.A., Cochlear Americas*
- 12:00 - 1:00 **Lunch (provided)**
- 1:00 - 4:00 Habilitation & Rehabilitation for  
Children with Cochlear Implants  
*Kimberly Peters, PhD,  
Western Washington University*
- 2:00 - 2:15 Break
- 4:00 - 4:30 Questions & Answers

### AAA CEU's available

Cochlear Americas is pending approval by the American Academy of Audiology to offer AAA CEUs for this activity. The program would be approximately worth a maximum of .6 CEUs. Academy approval of this continuing education activity does not imply endorsement of course content, specific products, or clinical procedures.



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## Cochlear Implants & Children An Auditory Rehabilitation Seminar

Friday, March 28, 2003

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Doubletree Charlottesville  
990 Hilton Heights Road  
Charlottesville, VA 22901

Sponsored by  
University of Virginia Cochlear Implant Program  
& Cochlear Americas

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Kimberly Peters Ph.D. of Western Washington University will be discussing practical ideas on how to work with children who have a cochlear implant, including the basics of auditory development, and suggestions in assisting auditory development throughout the child's day. Donna Sorkin of Cochlear Americas will be discussing classroom acoustics and educational considerations for children with cochlear implants.

### About the Staff

Kimberly Peters Ph.D. has been practicing as a rehabilitative audiologist and an Auditory-Verbal Therapist working with children with hearing loss and their families for the past nine years. She is currently an assistant professor of audiology at Western Washington University in Bellingham, WA where she teaches classes in pediatric audiology, hearing science and aural rehabilitation. In addition, she supervises graduate students in audiology and speech-language pathology at the Western Washington University Aural Rehabilitation clinic.

Lori L. Plank, MSP, CCC-SLP is the Coordinator of the Aural Habilitation Program for the University of Virginia Cochlear Implant Team. Lori received a Master of Speech Pathology with a specialization in Auditory-Verbal Therapy/ cochlear implant habilitation from the University of South Carolina in August 2000. Her clinical and research interests include language acquisition and cognitive development of children with hearing impairment.

“Our workshop is designed to provide the latest trends in cochlear implantation.”

Donna L. Sorkin, M.C.P, currently serves as Vice President of Consumer Affairs at Cochlear Americas where she leads a range of initiatives aimed at the broad life needs of the cochlear implant community. These outreach activities include appropriate educational options for children, early intervention, accessibility for people with hearing loss, and insurance reimbursement. Donna has been an enthusiastic cochlear implant user since 1992.

Linda Figini, MA, CCC-A, FAAA is a Senior Clinical Applications Specialist with the Southeast Customer Care Team at Cochlear. She has 10 years' audiology experience, including working at the League for the Hard of Hearing, as adjunct faculty at Hunter College, and as a cochlear implant audiologist at the New England Center for Hearing Rehabilitation. She has experience in programming, educational consulting, and rehabilitation for pediatric and adult cochlear implant recipients.

### Directions

**From Interstate 64** - Take exit 118-B (Route 29 bypass). Stay on bypass for approx. 4.5 miles. Take the Washington D.C. and Rt. 29 exit located on the right hand side of the road. This is now 29 North. Once on 29 North, the DoubleTree Hotel is approx. 3.5 miles on the left. At the stoplight at WalMart make a left on to Hilton Heights Rd. Once on Hilton Heights Rd take a right at the stoplight.

**From Washington D.C. area** - Take I-66 West to the Rt. 29 South exit in Gainesville (exit 43A). (Note - This is the second exit for Rt. 29 South on I-66 coming from Washington DC.) On Rt. 29, approx. 1.5 miles before you reach the Charlottesville City limits, you will cross the South Fork Rivanna River Bridge. Once you have crossed the bridge, take the first right (at the stoplight) on to Hilton Height Rd. Take a right at the stoplight and the Hotel is at the top of the hill.

**From the Charlottesville/Albemarle Airport** - Upon exiting the airport, go straight at the stop sign. You will then be on Airport Rd. Travel Airport Rd for approx. 1 mile. At the stoplight turn right on to 29 South. Follow Rt. 29 approx. 3 miles. You will cross over the South Fork Rivanna River Bridge. Once you have crossed the bridge, take the first right (at the stoplight) on to Hilton Heights Rd. Take a right at the stoplight. The Hotel is located at the top of the hill.

**From the University of Virginia** - Follow Rt. 29 North (Emmet St.) for 4 miles. Make a left on to Hilton Heights Road at the stoplight at WalMart. On Hilton Heights Rd., make a right at the stoplight and the Hotel is at the top of the hill.

## Reservations

Please return registration by **Friday, March 21, 2003**. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Petrie at 800-523-5798, ext. 104, or [spetrie@cochlear.com](mailto:spetrie@cochlear.com). The cost of the seminar is \$10.00. The workshop is free to parents of children with a cochlear implant. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Please send check and registration to:

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