

## EVALUATION CHECKLIST

**Initial Consultation** – This meeting with the Cochlear Implant Audiologist and/or Surgeon includes a detailed discussion of your case history, hearing loss, candidacy criteria, realistic expectations with a cochlear implant, explanation of the evaluation process and a brief review of currently available cochlear implant devices and technology.

*Note:* If appropriate hearing aids are not worn or have not been worn, a hearing aid trial may be recommended.

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Audiological Assessment** – Assuming a comprehensive hearing test was completed within the last 6 months, the next phase of audiological testing will be aided testing. Aided testing will be completed to assess hearing aid benefit and determine candidacy. This entails speech perception tests with words and sentences while wearing your hearing aid(s).

To ensure a valid test, please wear your hearing aids and make sure they are in good working order. This appointment may be repeated if testing indicates poorly fit hearing aids or is not reliable. Please bring ALL audiologic records to this appointment. Please wear or bring your hearing aids to this appointment.

A cognition test will also be administered during this appointment.

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CT Scan** – The CT scan is a high contrast x-ray of the inner ear to evaluate the anatomy of the inner ear, hearing organ. The CT scan can be done at a local radiology facility according to insurance coverage, but it is preferred to be done at a BayCare facility.

If medically necessary, an MRI may also be required.

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Otologic Assessment** – This is a meeting with Dr. Greene again, after the completion of audiological/radiological testing. Dr. Greene will discuss risks/benefits of implantation, review surgical and recovery procedures, and determine any (if any) contraindications of surgery.

If appropriate, other evaluations may be recommended. If the individual is determined to be a candidate, following receipt of insurance authorization, a surgery date will be scheduled.

Approximately two to three weeks after the surgery and medical clearance, you will return for cochlear implant activation and programming with Dr. Hanna. If you are not a candidate, alternative hearing management options will be discussed.

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PNEUMOVAX / PREVNAR Vaccination (proof required)**

Please refer to enclosed paperwork for additional information or visit the CDC website:

[www.cdc.gov/nip/diseases/meningitis/cochlear/cochlear-gen.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nip/diseases/meningitis/cochlear/cochlear-gen.htm)

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_