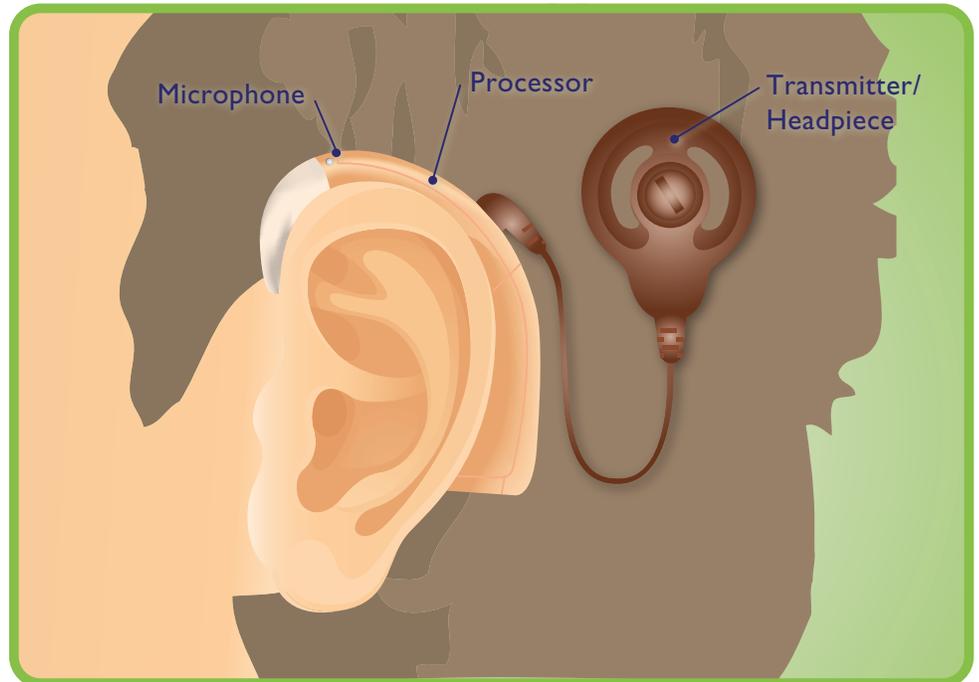


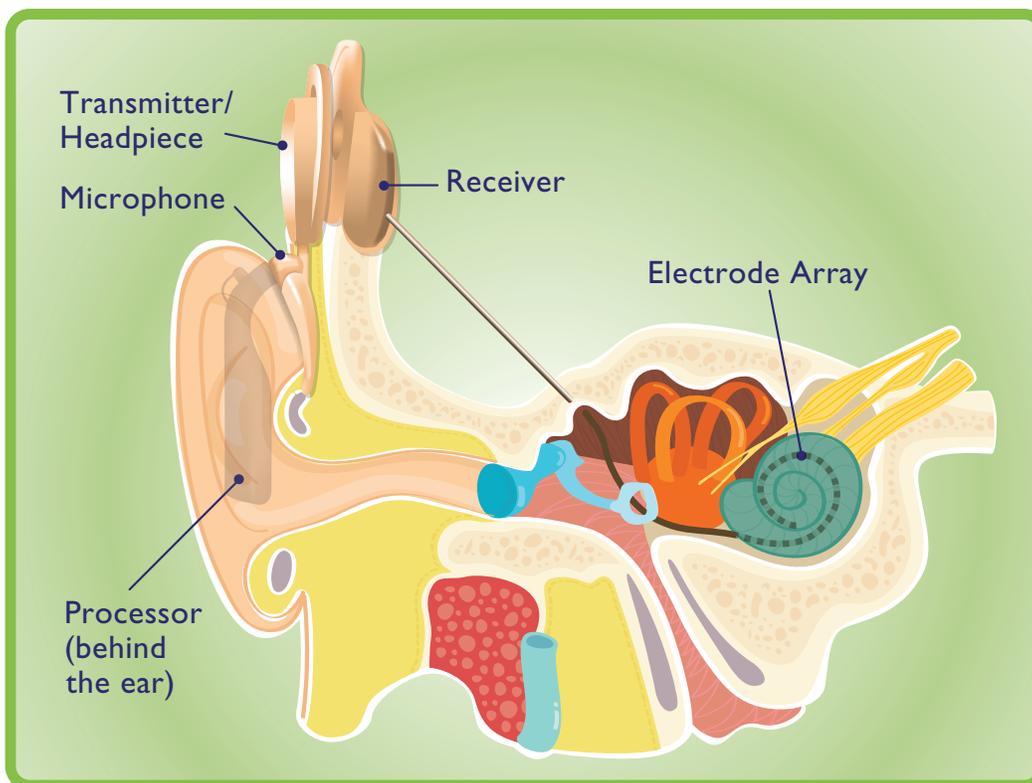


# What is a Cochlear Implant?

A cochlear implant (CI) is a device that provides a person who is deaf or hard of hearing with access to sound. A cochlear implant has external components worn on the head that collect sounds through a microphone. The surgically implanted components in the skull and inner ear then translate the sound into messages for the brain.



A cochlear implant (CI) worn on the head



A cochlear implant (CI) in the ear