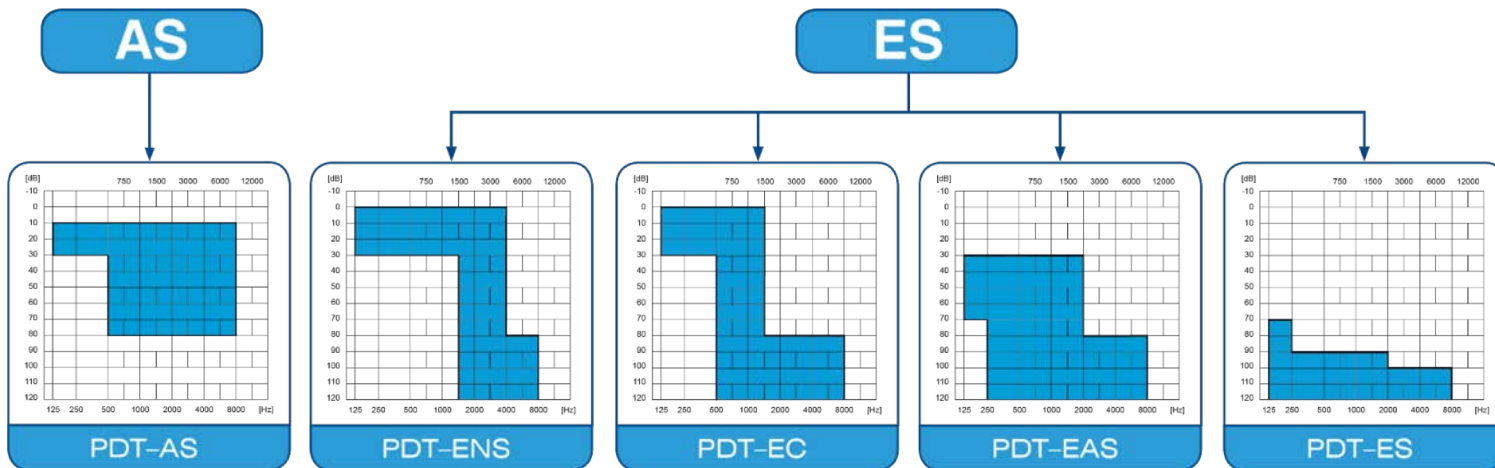




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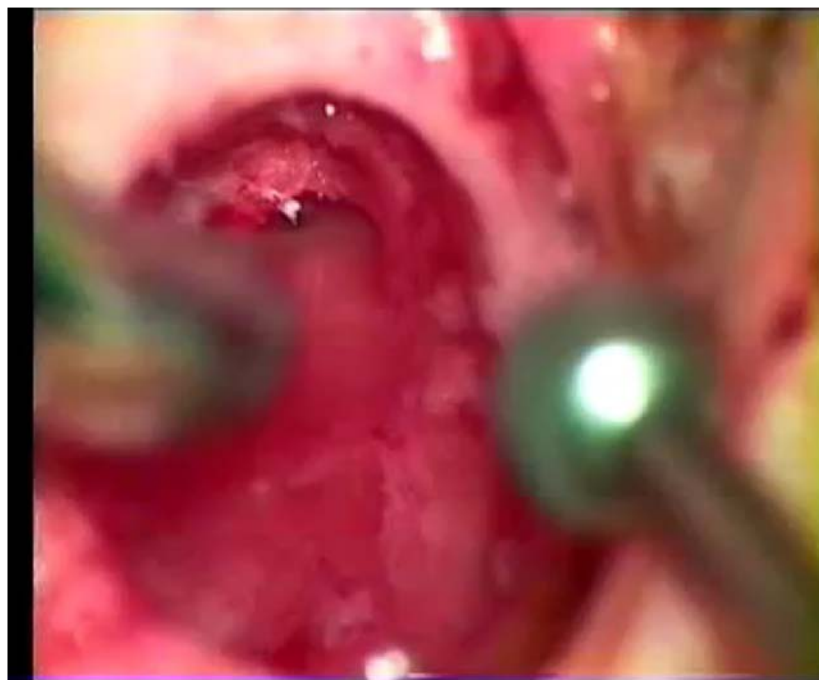
# Long-term outcomes in Partial Deafness Treatment





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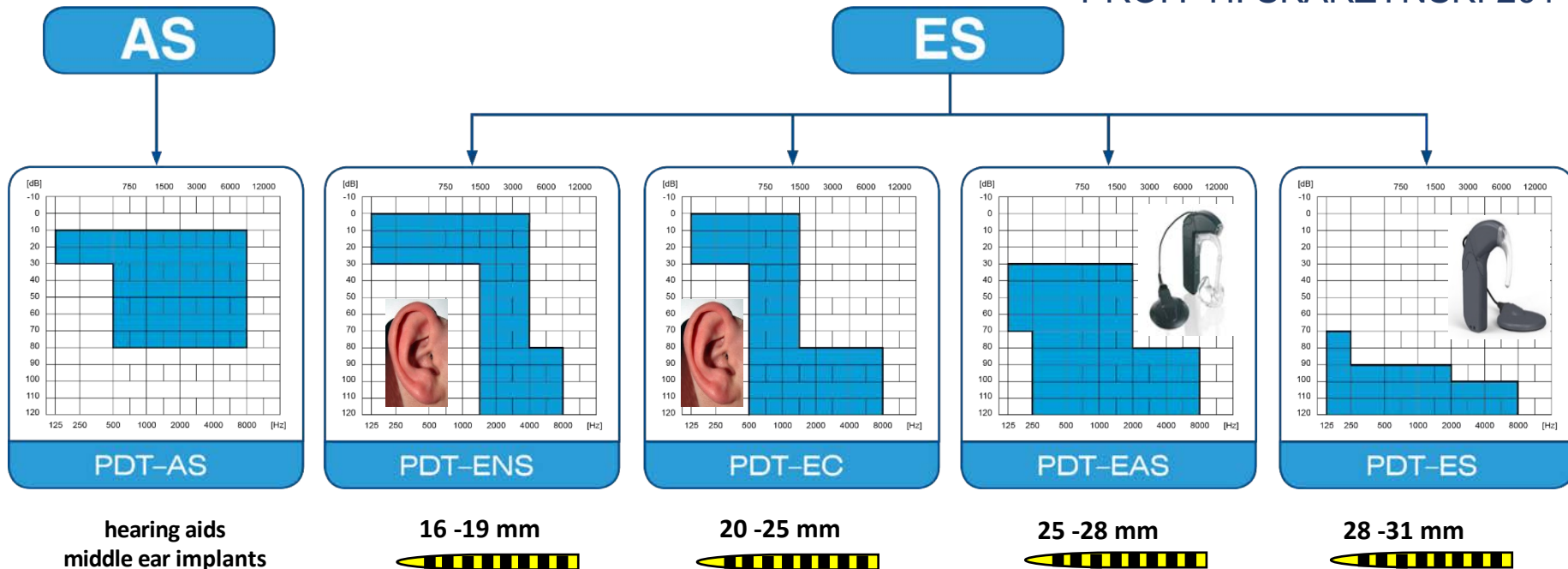
## TOTAL > 6500 implantations





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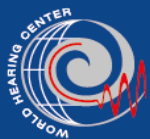
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# TYPICAL PARTIAL DEAFNESS TREATMENT

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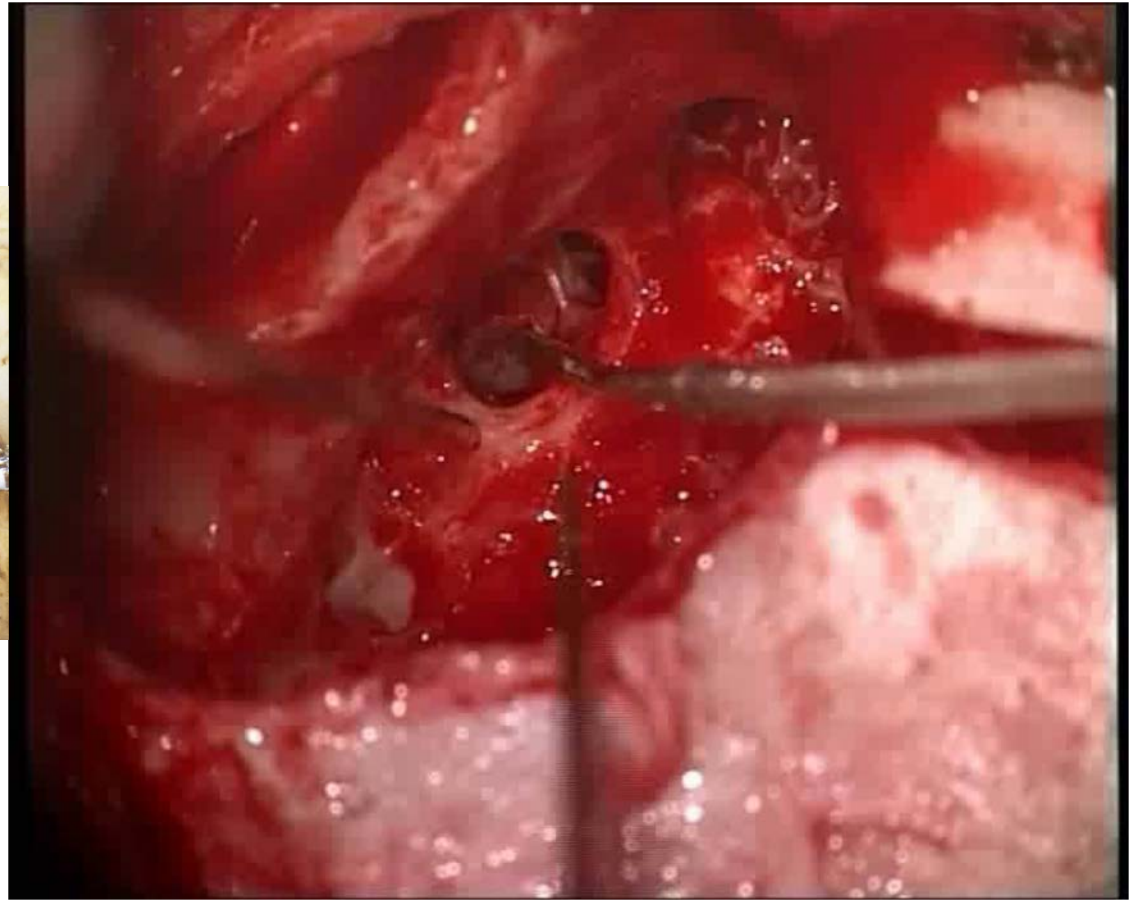
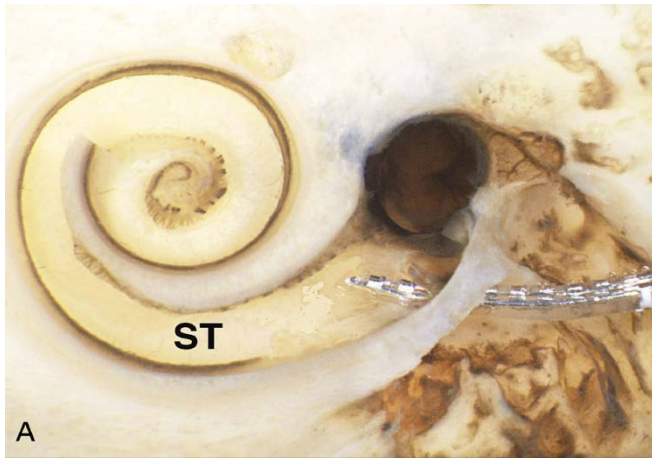
### BASIC PRINCIPLES

### 2002–2018

- 6 STEPS SKARZYNSKI SURGICAL PROCEDURE
- ROUND WINDOW APPROACH
- SOFT ELECTRODES

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# ROUND WINDOW APPROACH

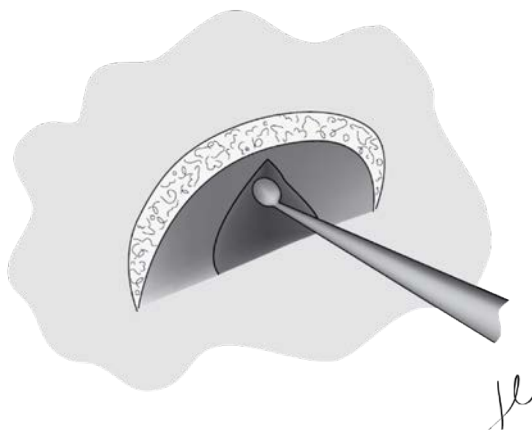




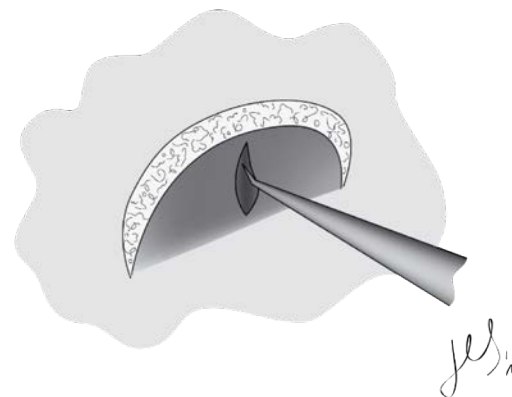
## HISTORY

# Differences in round window openings

1992



1997 – 2018



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# FIRST PEDIATRIC MATERIAL IN THE WORLD

1997–2000

N = 62

**2000** – H. SKARŻYŃSKI – Antwerp 5<sup>th</sup> ESPCI (children)

**Results** of non-functional residual hearing and inner ear structures preservation

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# OUR FIRST MATERIAL IN ADULTS

1997–2000

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**2000** – A. LORENS – Berlin EUFOS (adults)

**Results** of non-functional residual hearing and inner ear structures preservation

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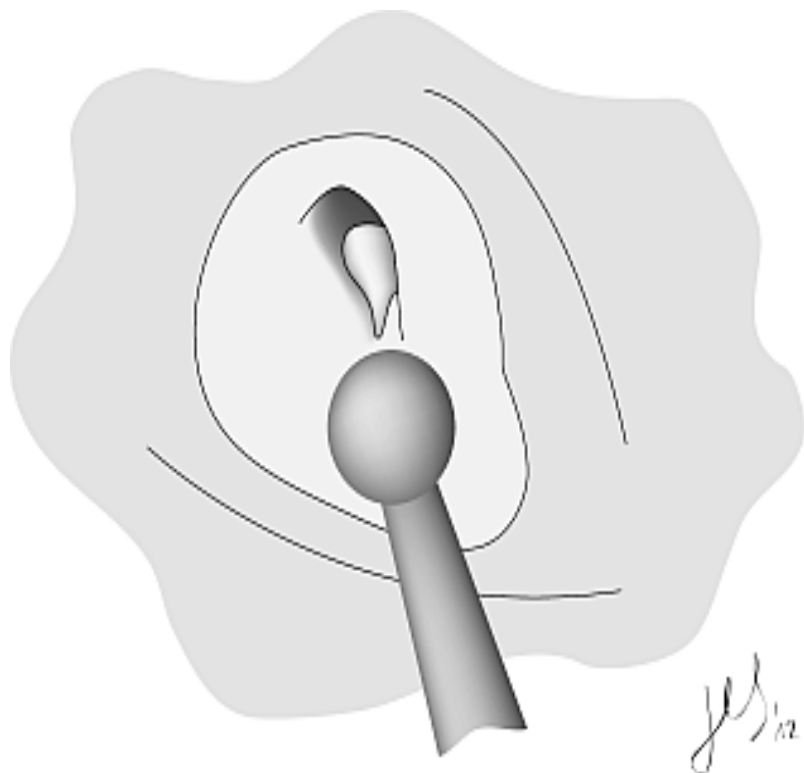


## The 6-step Skarzynski surgical technique for cochlear implantation in partial deafness treatment

- STEP 1 Antromastoidotomy
- STEP 2 Posterior tympanotomy to allow visualization of the round window
- STEP 3 Puncture and incision of the round window membrane
- STEP 4 Approach to the scala tympani directly through the round window membrane (partial insertion of the electrode array)
- STEP 5 Electrode fixation in the round window niche with fibrine glue (membrane must be partially uncovered to preserve its mobility)
- STEP 6 Fixation of the device in a well in the temporal bone

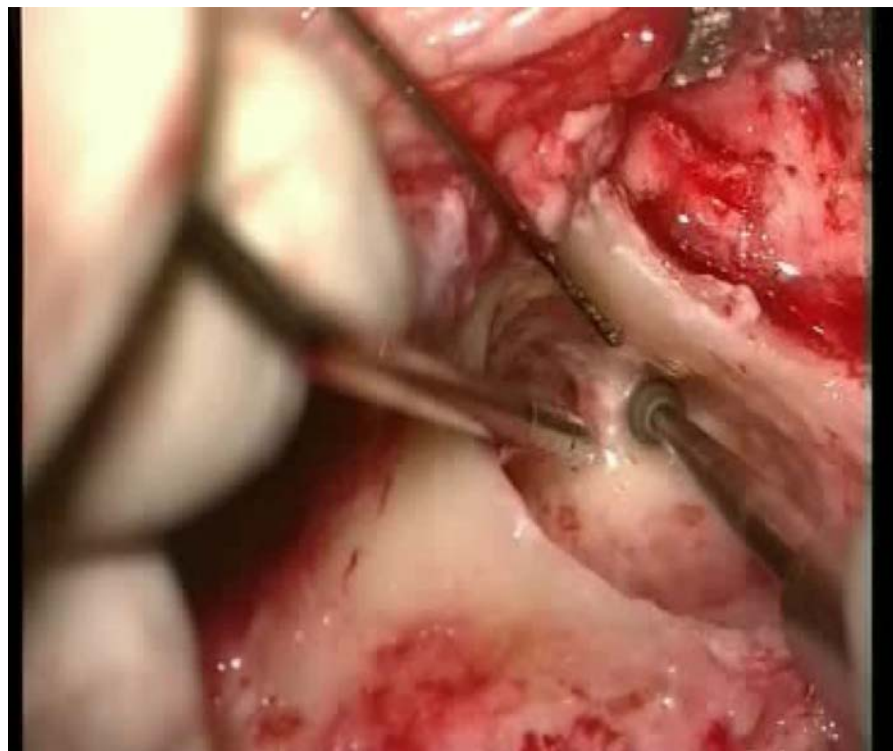
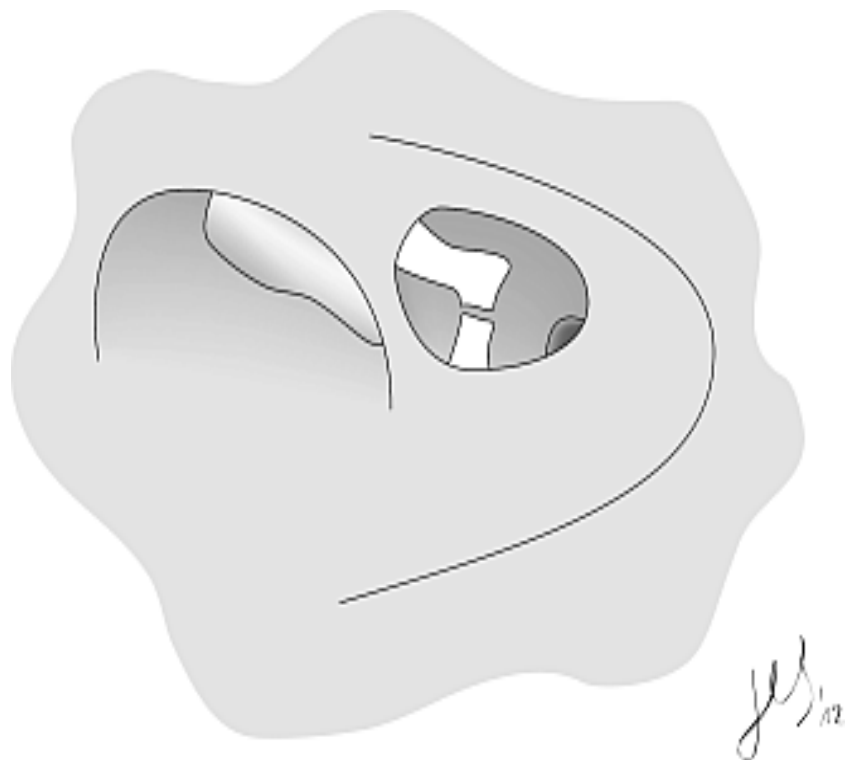
# STEP 1

# ANTROMASTOIDOTOMY

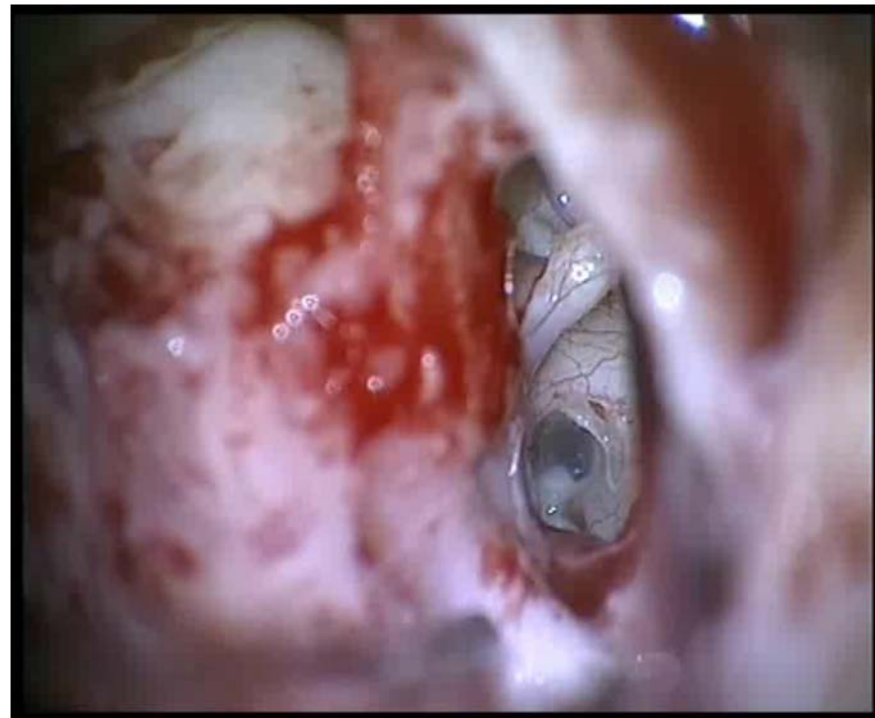
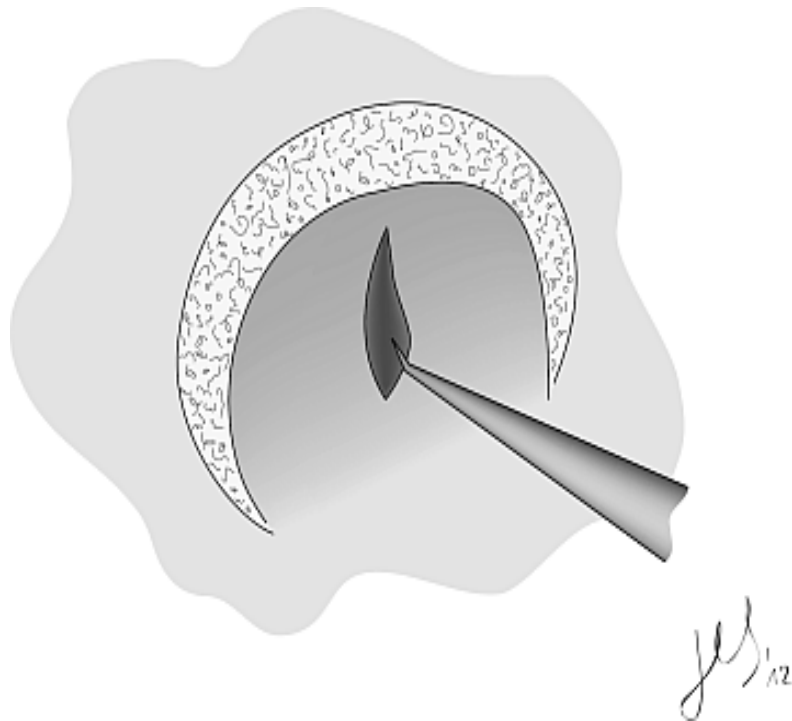


# STEP 2

## POSTERIOR TYMPANOTOMY TO ALLOW VISUALIZATION OF THE ROUND WINDOW NICHE

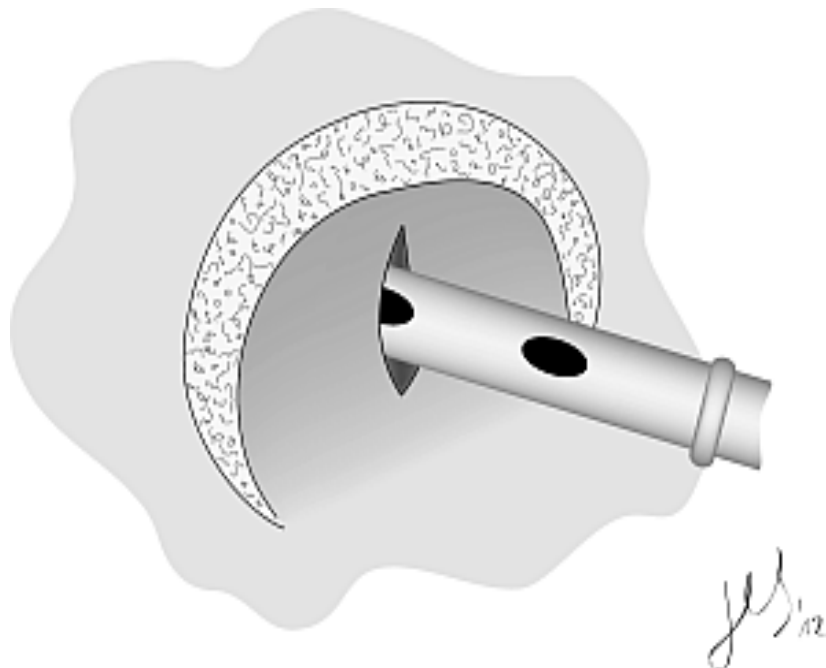


# STEP 3 PUNCTURE AND INCISION OF THE ROUND WINDOW MEMBRANE



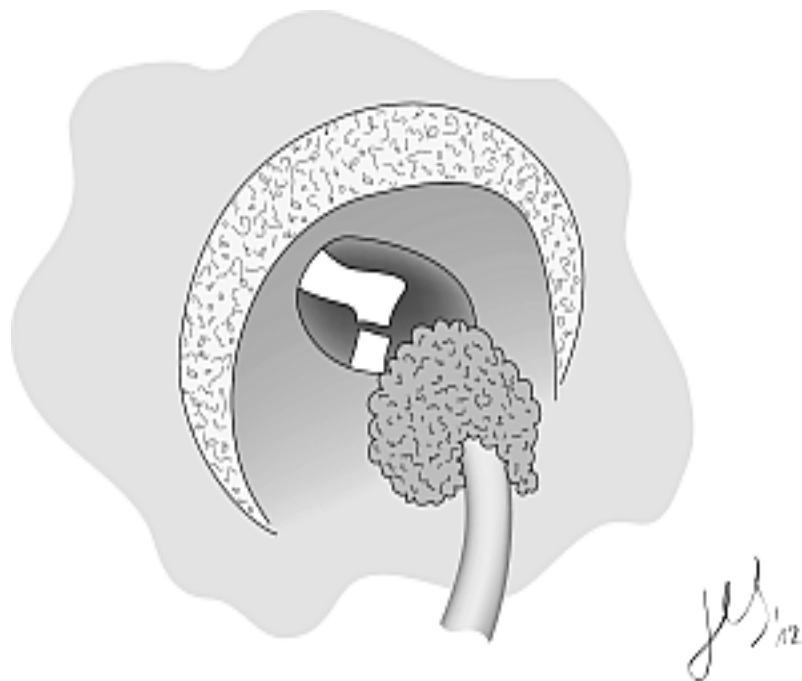
# STEP 4

## APPROACH TO THE SCALA TYMPANI DIRECTLY THROUGH THE ROUND WINDOW MEMBRANE (PARTIAL INSERTION OF THE ELECTRODE ARRAY)

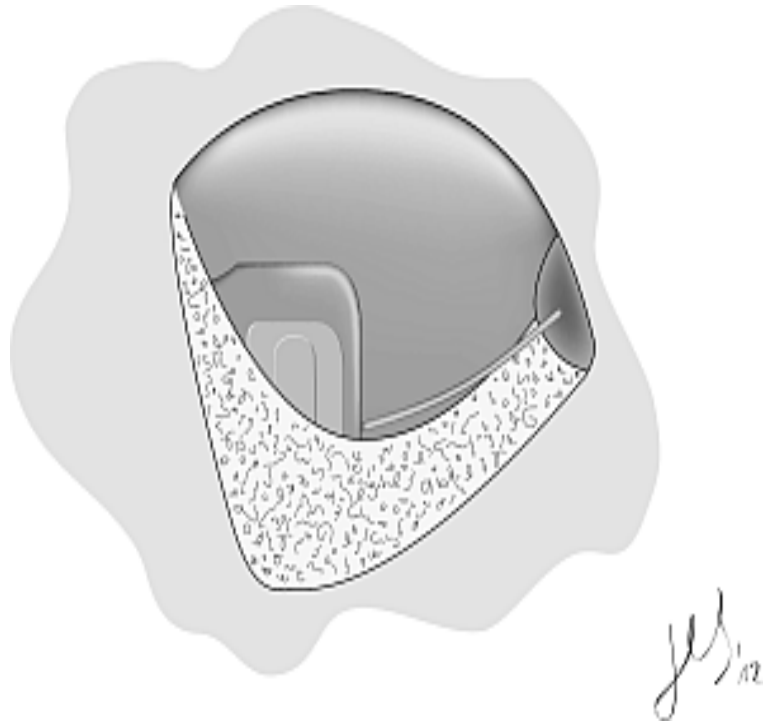


# STEP 5

ELECTRODE FIXATION IN THE ROUND WINDOW NICHE WITH FIBRINE GLUE (MEMBRANE MUST BE PARTIALLY UNCOVERED TO PRESERVE ITS MOBILITY)



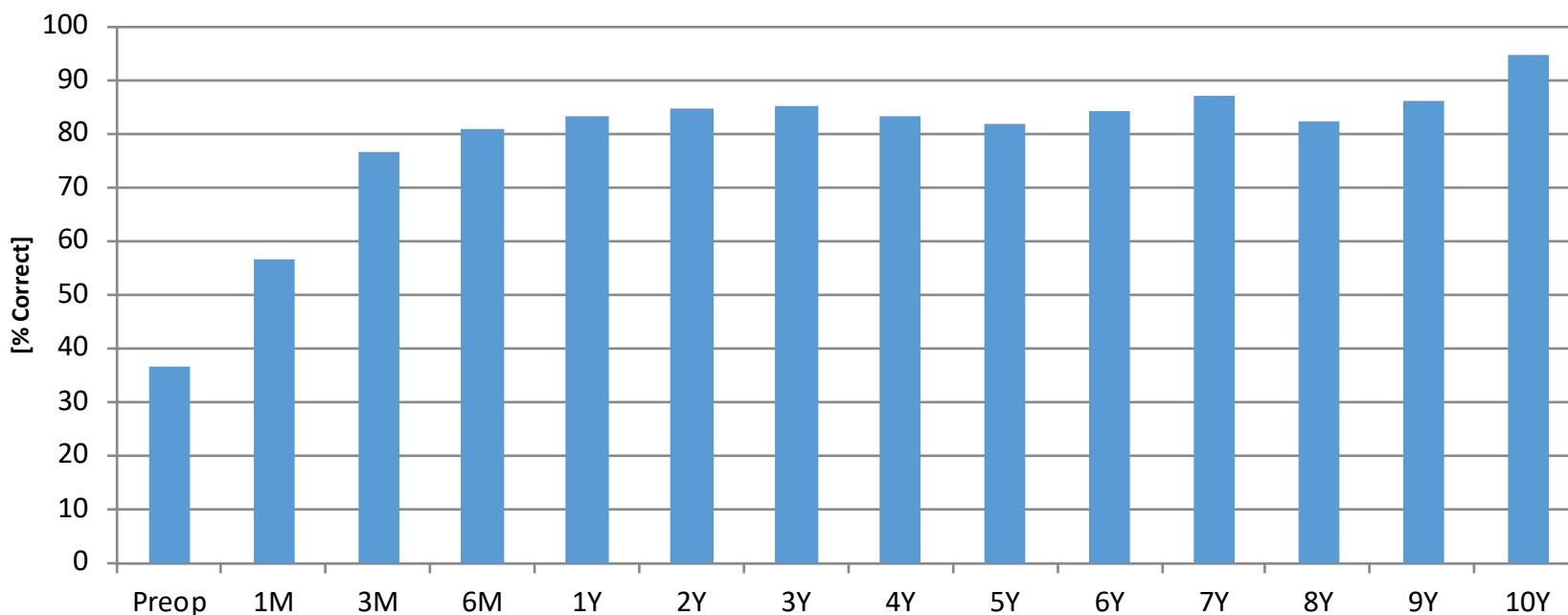
# STEP 6 FIXATION OF THE DEVICE IN THE WELL IN TEMPORAL BONE







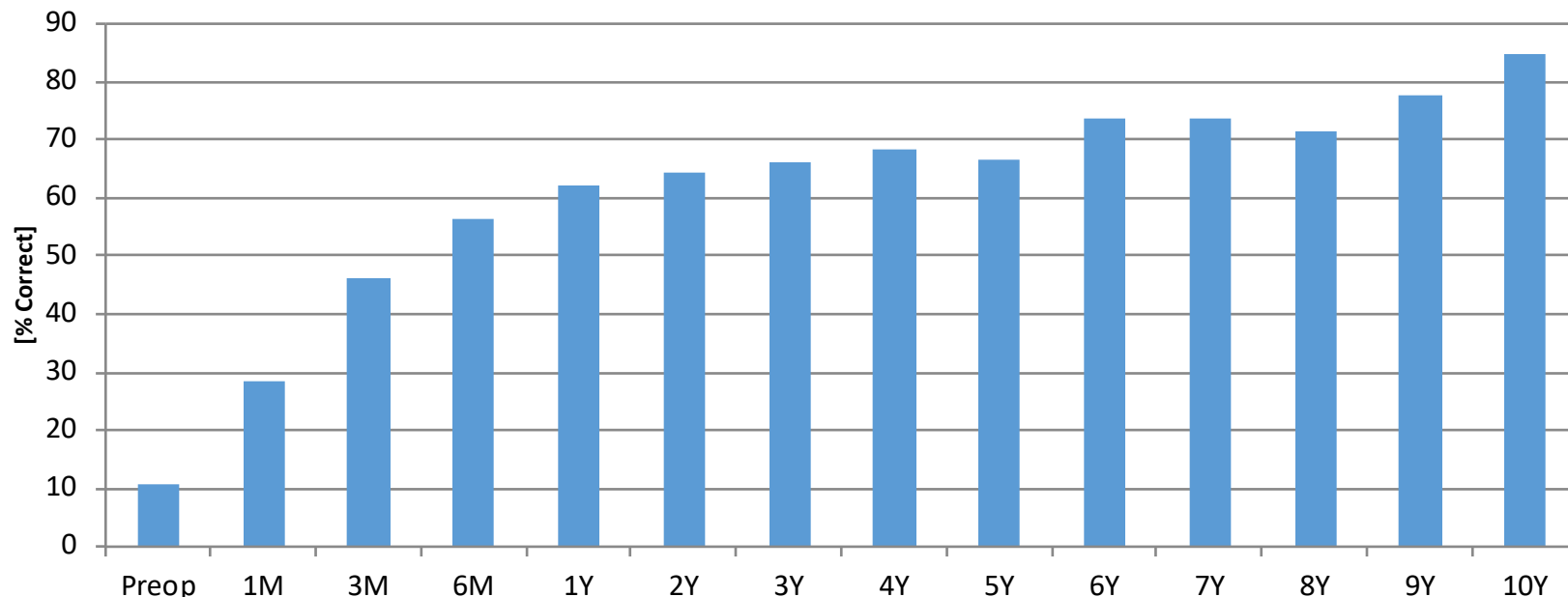
# Monosyllables in quiet



- Significance between 1-6M ( $P < 0.05$ )
- No significance between 6M, 1-5Y ( $P > 0.1$ )



# Monosyllables 10 dB SNR



- Significance between 1M-6M ( $P < 0.05$ )
- Significance between 6M-4Y, 6M-3Y ( $P < 0.05$ )
- 6M-2Y ( $P = 0.11$ ), 6M-5Y ( $P = 0.055$ )
- No significance between 1Y-5Y ( $P > 0.1$ )



# OUR HP classification system

- The HP classification system has been discussed for over 2 years. Several proposals have been debated and reviewed to define a qualitative HP classification system that relates the hearing loss to available hearing (in other words to use relative change instead of absolute difference) and is suitable for all users with measurable pre-operative residual hearing.
- To overcome the limitations of the commonly used systems, we propose:

$$\text{Relative change} = ((PTA_{\text{post}} - PTA_{\text{pre}}) / (PTA_{\text{max}} - PTA_{\text{pre}}))$$

where:

PTA<sub>post</sub> is pure tone average measured post-operatively,  
PTA<sub>pre</sub> is pure tone average measured pre-operatively,  
PTA<sub>max</sub> is the limits of the audiometer.



# OUR HP classification system

- The hearing loss is converted to preservation by calculating 100% minus relative change in %:

$$S = [ 1 - ((PTA_{post} - PTA_{pre}) / (PTA_{max} - PTA_{pre})) * 100 ] [\%]$$

where S is preservation numerical scale.

- The numerical scale is converted to a categorical scale for ease of reporting.

Percent of residual hearing preserved	Classification
>75%	Complete HP
>25-75%	Partial HP
0-25%	Minimal HP
No measurable hearing	Loss of hearing / No hearing

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## PDT-ENS (ADULT) – electro-natural hearing

### ELECTRO-NATURAL STIMULATION (ENS) IN PARTIAL DEAFNESS TREATMENT: A CASE STUDY

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#### Abstract

**Background:** There is a significant group of elderly patients whose hearing impairment is characterized by normal or slightly elevated thresholds in the low and mid frequency bands (below 1500 Hz) with nearly total deafness in the high frequency range. These patients very often remain beyond the scope of effective treatment by hearing aids.

**Case Report:** This study presents the case of a 75-year-old patient with good hearing in the range 125–1500 Hz and deafness at other frequencies. An implant was used to restore hearing at high frequencies, while preserving low and mid frequency acoustic hearing in the implanted ear. This can be described as electro-natural stimulation (ENS) of the inner ear.

**Conclusions:** The results demonstrate that low and mid frequency hearing (up to 1500 Hz) can be preserved using the round window surgical technique. A substantial improvement in speech discrimination was also observed when electrical stimulation on one side was combined with acoustic stimulation on both sides. There is scope to extend qualifying criteria for cochlear implantation to include elderly patients suitable for ENS.

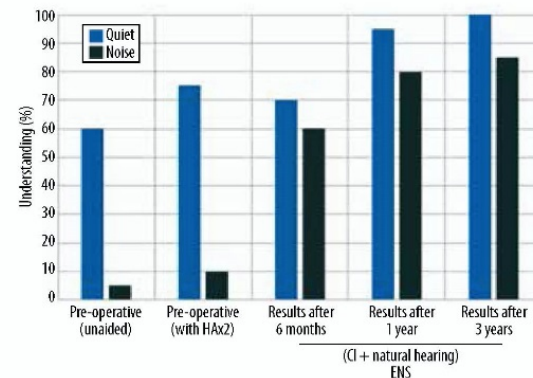
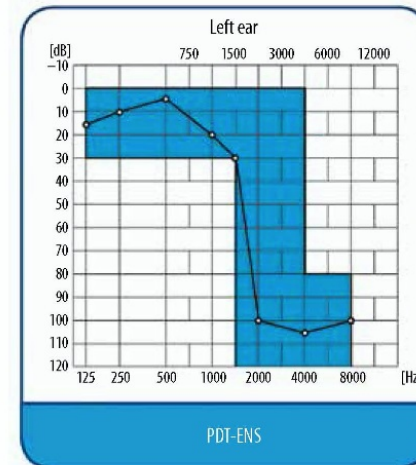
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### LA ESTIMULACIÓN ELECTRO-NATURAL (ENS) EN EL TRATAMIENTO DE LA SORDERA PARCIAL: UN ESTUDIO DE CASO

#### Resumen

**Introducción:** Hay un gran grupo de pacientes de edad avanzada cuya pérdida auditiva se caracteriza por los umbrales de audición normales o un poco elevados en las frecuencias bajas y medias (por debajo de 1500 Hz), combinado con una sordera casi total en el rango de las frecuencias altas. Muy a menudo, no se puede ayudar al paciente efectivamente con los audífonos.

**Caso clínico:** Este trabajo presenta un caso de una paciente de 75 años de edad, con buena audición en el rango de 125 a 1500 Hz y la sordera en las otras frecuencias. Fue usado un implante para restablecer la audición en el rango de las frecuencias altas. La audición acústica fue guardada en el oído implantado en las frecuencias bajas y medias. Esta situación se puede describir como un caso de estimulación electro-natural (ENS) del oído interno.



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## PDT-ENS (CHILD) – electro-natural hearing



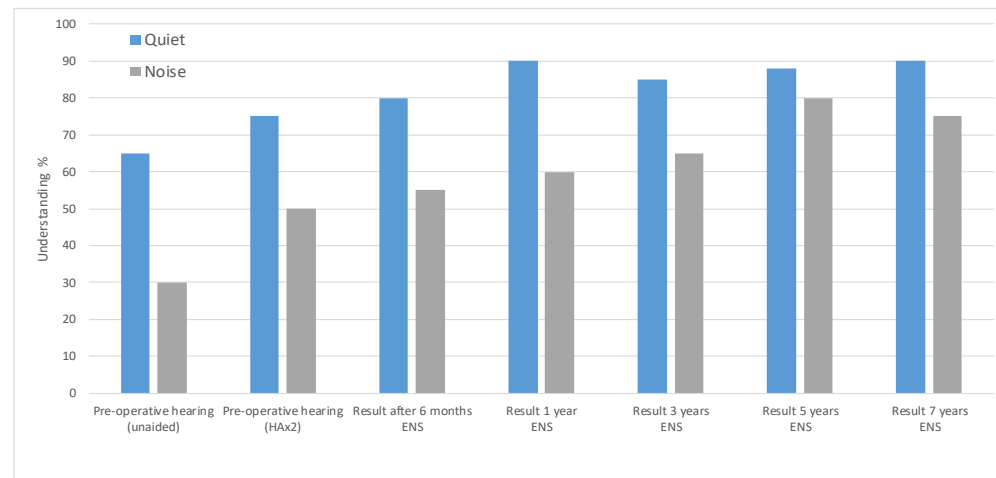
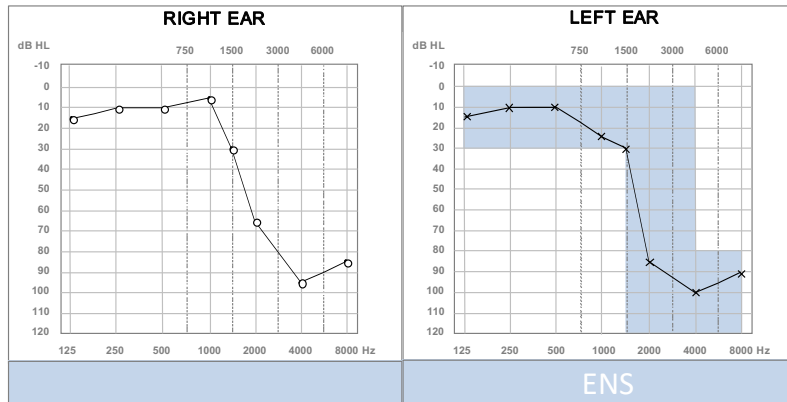
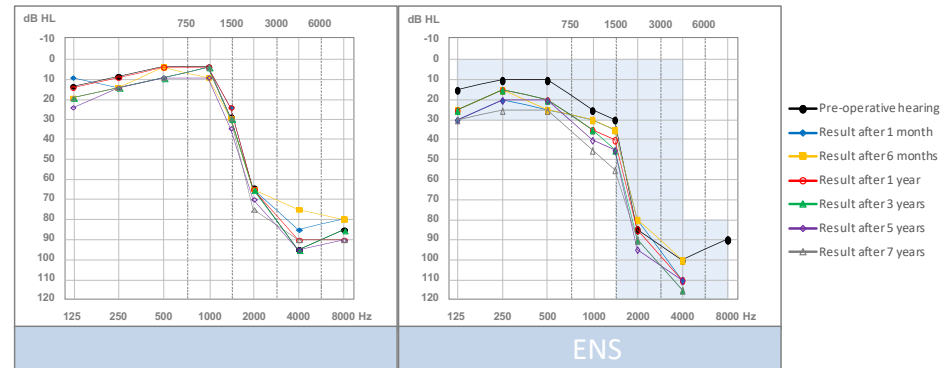
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# CONCLUSIONS

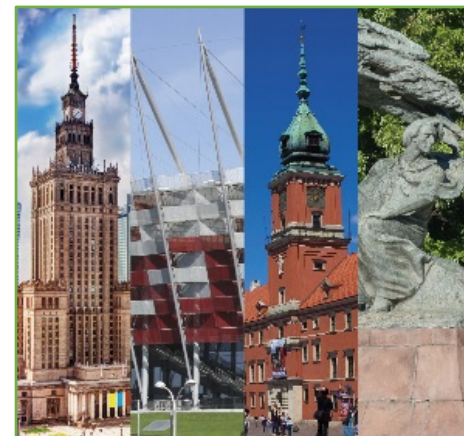
- The optimal hearing in quiet is reached around 6 months after IS.
- To reach the optimal hearing in noise takes several years.
- No sudden complete losses (after 1 month postoperatively) observed.
- Mean loss for postlingually deafened patients per year is 2-3dB; this is true for both implanted and non implanted ear and it is related to pts etiology.
- There are no losses caused after 1 month postoperatively that could be related to the electrode presence in the cochlea.

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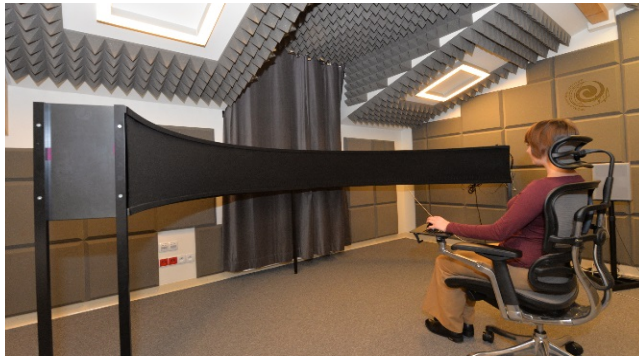




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