

# CIREN – CI referral expert network

## Invitation to CIREN introduction training and CIREN Day

We are happy to invite you as an audiologist to our introduction training for CIREN – CI Referral Expert Network and CIREN Day in April.

**Date:** 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**Place:** Quality Hotel View, Malmö

**Time:** 23<sup>rd</sup> of April 10:00-16:00, 24<sup>th</sup> of April 09:00-16:00 and 25<sup>th</sup> of April 09:00-16:00

### Short information about CIREN and the introduction training

CIREN is a Nordic network for audiologist. It is initiated by Cochlear Nordic and the purpose of CIREN is to strengthen the clinics knowledge about:

- Severe to profound hearing loss
- How to identify and support candidates for cochlear implant (CI)
- Share and receive experience and knowledge from others in the Network

The audiologist will become a resource for your clinic and will through the CIREN network get training on how to train other professionals at the clinic. The introduction training and the CIREN network do not have focus on products but how to assist patients with severe to profound hearing loss in the best way.

### Academic content – 23rd and 24th April

Agenda	Learning goals
What is the purpose of the CIREN?	Information and clarification of expectations
Introduction of all the participants	Get to know each other
Prevalence of severe to profound hearing loss	How many is affected?
How does severe to profound hearing loss effect the user and its family?	Consequences for the user and their loved ones
How does a CI system work?	Be able to explain how CI works
Hearing function with CI	New research on the effect of CI
The rehabilitation after implantation	What is important after implantation to get a good hearing outcome?
The users journey	Look into the journey from hearing aids to CI
Communication with potential CI candidates	How to start the communication about CI and follow the user through the process
Information from CI users	The experience from CI users
What happens on the CI clinic	Knowledge about the examinations, surgery, switch on and rehabilitation
Information about the surgery	Medical examinations and side effects
Criteria in Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Finland	National guidance for referral of CI assessment
How to move on from this?	Planning the activities for CIREN

The training will be a mix between lectures and working in small groups. The goal is to create an arena with a lot of interaction to increase the learning outcomes and to make the group safe so the network will be able to develop as good as possible.

### **Agenda 25th April**

The meeting will focus on topics that we hope can be helpful in your daily work, and maybe bring you new knowledge and information.

My Hearing Journey *Lars Olof Berg, CI User, Örebro*

Rehabilitation programme with cochlear-implant with special focus on the preoperative effort *Christina Ahler, Audiologopæd v. Center for Kommunikation og Velfærdsteknologi, Hørerådgivningen og Ekstern Lektor, Syddansk Universitet*

Do Patients Aged 85 years and above benefit from their Cochlear implants? *Ulrika Larsson, hörselpedagog, Teamet för hörselimplantat, Hörsel och balansmottagningen, VO Öron Akademiska sjukhuset*

CIREN Workshop

Hearing and dementia, results from the HUNT study *Bo Engdahl, FHI, Norway*

Change management *Manuela Marini, Customer Services Trainer, Cochlear Europe*

Most importantly we also want to give you all a chance to meet up, talk and discuss, share experiences and ideas with each other.

### **Practical information**

The training will be held at Quality Hotel View in Malmö where we have prebooked hotel rooms until the 31<sup>st</sup> of March. The hotel is located close to Hyllie station, only a short travel with train from the Copenhagen airport.

The introduction training and the casual dinner in the evening of 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of April is covered by Cochlear Nordic. We are following the local markets ethical rules and guidelines. Regarding travel and/or hotels cost, please talk to your Cochlear representative in your country.

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