

Participant Information Sheet

Study Title: Digit Triplet Test in adults with cochlear implants

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Please read this information carefully before deciding to take part in this project. If you are happy to participate you will be asked to sign a consent form.

What is the project about?

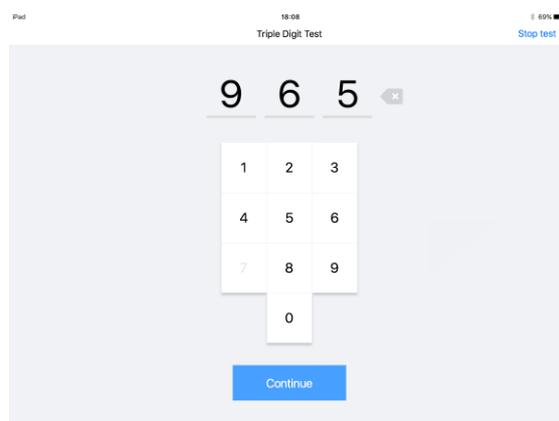
We did a project where we gave some people remote care tools to look after their hearing themselves at home. This worked well and people liked the hearing test the best. As a service, we have decided to offer the home hearing test to people who may find it helpful. We would now like to try a hearing test that we have developed; we want to know if it is useful for people to use to test their hearing at home.

Why have I been chosen?

You have been chosen for this project because you are an adult who has used a cochlear implant for at least six months.

What will happen to me if I take part?

We would send you a link for the test by email. You can then use the app at home if you would like to, and we will ask you some questions after 4 weeks to see if you have found it useful. The app tests hearing using a Digit Triplet Test: listening to numbers in background noise and typing them in.



Since this is a project to

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the app, we won't use the results from the test to guide your care in any way. If you are concerned with your hearing or anything to do with your cochlear implant, you will contact the centre in the usual way.

Are there any benefits in my taking part?

There won't be any direct benefits for you but it will allow the app to be tested and evaluated for possible implementation later.

Are there any risks involved?

Noise levels will comply with the Exposure to Noise at Work act (2005) and the ISVR human experiment guidelines (1996) and therefore will not exceed levels heard daily. If at any point, you feel uncomfortable or would like to stop you can exit the app, turn off the device or remove your speech processor.

Will my participation be confidential?

Yes, all information will be anonymised, password protected and stored on the university network. Documents which are hard copy will be kept in a secure location within a locked office. Analysis of the documents will only occur via university computers. To ensure confidentiality we will give you an ID number and won't store results with your name.

As well as collecting your results on the hearing test, we will also ask you for:

- Your age, gender and sound processor used
- Your email address

What happens if I change my mind?

If at any point, you would like to stop the project you are free to do so. We will include the data we have collected from you so far, unless you say you don't want that. Taking part or not will not affect your care at the Auditory Implant Service in any way.

While you are using the app, you can stop at any time and close down the app. If you have used the app but then don't want to answer the questions about it, just let Helen Cullington know and I will not send you the link to the questionnaire.

What happens if something goes wrong?

In the unlikely case of concern or complaint, you can contact University of Southampton Research Governance Office: rgoinfo@soton.ac.uk or phone 023 8059 500 and ask for the Research Governance Office.

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Where can I get more information?

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How can I sign up to take part?

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