

Appendix J: CHECKLIST FOR EVALUATION OF CANDIDATES OUTSIDE SOUTH AFRICA

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When working with cochlear implant candidates from outside South Africa the implanting team and family need to consider the following:

Consideration	No concern	Mild concern	Moderate concern	Great concern	Discussed	Resolved
Duration and cause of deafness						
Need for and availability of additional medical intervention in complex cases						
Additional difficulties requiring intervention (physical, mental or emotional)						
Language (availability and cost of interpreter) while in South Africa and for tele-intervention						
Visas – cost, multiple entry and time						
Initial stay and follow-up visits – team expectations, travel and accommodation costs						
Reliability of funder and timeous transfer of funds						
Maintenance costs – parts and local availability						
Loan/replacement devices and responsibilities						
Long term costs – replacement of obsolete devices						
Courier costs and requirements (import duties, documentation and insurance)						
Rehabilitation: Expectations re intervention Expectations re outcomes Potential for training Home infrastructure Educational facilities available Skilled CI rehabilitation team / local intervention services available Anticipated contact between visits (e.g. email, tele-intervention) Anticipated feedback on progress						

Other concerns:

New teams are starting up in Africa and it is important that the family is aware of teams that may be closer to them, have easier visa requirements or are financially more viable for long-term follow up.