

## TIMELINE OF APPOINTMENTS

- 1) **First audiology evaluation**- 180 minute evaluation by a Cochlear Implant Audiologist consisting of in-depth hearing tests of both ears, discussion of cochlear implant process, and choosing a device type.
- 2) **Second audiology evaluation** - 120 minute evaluation consisting of possible additional testing, selection of device type, question and answer with the cochlear implant audiologist. (approximately 1 week after 1st evaluation)
- 3) **CT/MRI imaging** - CT scan of the inner ears and/or Brain MRI imaging to be completed for evaluation by the assigned cochlear implant surgeon (scheduled same day with surgical consult)
- 4) **Surgical consult** - meet with your cochlear implant surgeon, discussion of surgical risks, discussion of imaging, and vaccinations if indicated. (approximately 2 to 4 weeks after audiological evaluations, based on Surgeon's current schedule)
- 5) **After evaluation appointments and before surgery date** - you MAY need to complete the following: Prevnar vaccine, Pneumovax vaccine, psychological screening, meeting with a Speech and Language Pathologist, and/or surgical clearance with your primary care doctor; anesthesia clearance appointment with UCSF PREPARE Nursing staff (2 weeks prior to surgery)
- 6) **Surgery** - approximately a three hour surgery completed under general anesthesia (completely asleep). You will return home the same day. (2 to 4 weeks after consult, based on Surgeon's current schedule and pending authorization)
- 7) **Post-operative appointments** - There will be multiple post-operative appointments. 2-3 weeks after surgery you will meet with the surgeon to check healing and with the audiologist for device activation. There will then be several post operative appointments with the audiologist for fine tuning of the device