

**Dr. NTR Vaidya Seva Trust**  
**(Govt. of Andhra Pradesh)**

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**Circular**

Re. No.Dr. NTRVST/ Operations/Cochlear Guidelines/2016, Date .10.2016.

Sub: Dr. NTRVST- Cochlear Implantation Programme - Enhancement of Age limit for Pre-lingual cases from 2 years to 5 years - Recommendations of Cochlear Technical Committee- Revised guidelines – Issued- Reg.

- Ref: 1. Request letters from Govt. E.N.T Hospital Vizag, ENT Nursing Home, GNT and Apollo Hospital, Hyd.  
2. Recommendations from Cochlear Technical Committee and Panel Specialist.  
3. Trust Cir. No. AST/1508/F88/2012-13 dated 13.04.2012.

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All the Network Hospitals Empanelled for Cochlear Implantation Programme in the States of A.P. and Telangana are aware that the Dr. NTR Vaidya Seva Trust is providing financial assistance to the tune of Rs. 6.50 lakhs provided to the BPL patients towards Cochlear implantation Surgery and Audio Verbal Therapies for 1 year.

The Trust vide Cir. 3<sup>rd</sup> cited has communicated the Comprehensive guidelines for implementation of Cochlear Implantation Scheme. As per the guidelines, the Age group limit defined for the Pre-lingual deaf cases is **0 to 2 years**.

In this regard, vide reference 1<sup>st</sup> cited the Network Hospitals have requested for enhancement of upper Age limit for Pre-lingual cases from **2 to 5 years**. The Trust, has obtained the remarks of the Technical committee and vide reference 2<sup>nd</sup> cited the Technical committee recommended for enhancement of Age Limit for Pre-lingual cases.

Further it is to inform that the upper age limit as per ADIP Scheme in GoI guidelines is **5years** to support under Cochlear Implantation programme for Pre-lingual cases.

In view of existing GoI guideline under ADIP Scheme and as per the recommendations of the Technical Cochlear Committee, Trust has decided and approved

to enhance the Age Limit for Pre-Lingual cases from 2 to 5 Years with effect from 01.11.2016.

Hence all the empanelled hospitals for Cochlear Implantation Programme are hereby requested to note the above modification of guidelines and to act accordingly.

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Chief Executive Officer

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To

All Hospitals Empanelled for Cochlear Implantation Programme in the States of A.P. and Telangana.

Copy to:

- 1) The Chairman and Members of the Cochlear Technical Committee of the Trust for favour of information.
- 2) The Heads of Depts. of all the Departments of Dr.NTR Vaidya Seva Trust, Hyderabad.
- 3) The Deputy General Manager (PMU), Dr.NTR Vaidya Seva Trust, Hyderabad - To upload the circular in the Webpage and report compliance.
- 4) All the District Coordinators of Dr.NTR Vaidya Seva Trust in the States of A.P. and Telangana. They are requested to communicate the circular to the Network Hospitals.
- 5) Peshi to the CEO, Dr.NTR Vaidya Seva Trust, Hyderabad.