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15 Years of the CI Tutorial at EUHA – A Review

Collaborative Cochlear Implant Follow-Up Care: Areas of Practice and Perspectives for Hearing Aid Acousticians

For more than 15 years, the CI Tutorial at EUHA has accompanied the development of the role of hearing aid acousticians in cochlear implant (CI) care and has established itself as a platform for interdisciplinary exchange between hearing acoustics, medicine, and other relevant disciplines.

Part 1 looks back at the development of the CI Tutorial over the past 15 years. Selected examples will illustrate the key topics addressed in recent years and highlight the contribution of specialized CI acousticians to the CI care pathway. The session will demonstrate how CI acousticians can assume responsibility within the care process and, in coordination with other professional societies and disciplines, contribute to maintaining and improving the quality of CI care.

Part 2 focuses on current developments in collaborative CI follow-up care. Dr. Lutz Gärtner will present concepts for the distribution of roles and responsibilities within collaborative care models and discuss the potential for integrating CI acousticians more closely into follow-up care.

Practical case examples will illustrate how CI recipients can benefit from structured interdisciplinary collaboration and highlight the opportunities this approach offers for patient-centered and needs-oriented follow-up care.