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Dear Cochlear Implant Recipient,

You are being invited to participate in research conducted by the Amplification and Communication Research Lab at Purdue University, West Lafayette campus. MED-EL does not provide personal information to research institutions but has agreed to serve as an intermediary between research institutions and the individuals with implants who may help to advance cochlear implant technology and outcomes. This letter is being sent to you by MED-EL on behalf of Purdue University.

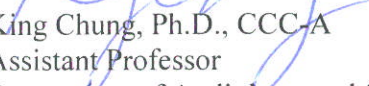
The Amplification and Communication Research Lab is looking for individuals with cochlear implants who can converse with family and friends on the telephone using their cochlear implants to investigate advanced technologies that may enhance cochlear implant performance. The study will require you to listen to speech processed by these advanced technologies and repeat what you have heard and rate the sound quality of the speech. In addition, you will wear an additional preprocessor incorporating the new technology to determine your preferred listening condition in real world situations. None of the tasks are difficult or uncomfortable.

The study requires ten to fifteen hours of participation over two to three days. You have the option of completing all testing in a single visit or multiple visits to the Purdue West Lafayette campus. You will receive \$20 for each hour of testing at the institution. In addition, you will be compensated for travel costs from your home to the Purdue campus. If you choose to complete all testing in a single trip, you will receive subsistence of \$39 per day, prorated for each 24-hour day.

If you are able to *converse with family and friends on the phone using your cochlear implant(s)* and you would like to participate in this study, or would like more information about the study, please feel call me at 765-494-0402. I can also be reached by email at kingchung@purdue.edu. Alternatively, you can send the self-addressed, stamped postcard to me and we will contact you. Your help is very much appreciated.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,



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