THE ROLE OF COCHLEAR IMPLANT IN SOCIAL AND FAMILIAL INTEGRATION OF PATIENTS WITH HEARING LOSS
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Cochlear implantation has a positive effect on the well-being of patients through an easier communication, emotional stability, clearer hearing of sounds, with interest towards relationships and by an overall happier and more sociable individual.

Our prospective cohort study includes 29 patients, who have undergone cochlear implantation at the E.N.T. Clinic of Targu-Mures, Romania, between 2014 and the present day. These patients were all diagnosed with profound neurosensorial hearing loss.

Questionnaires focusing on communication skills, functionality, state of general well-being and social integration were sent to the patients or the parents of the patients through electronic mail.

Introduction
Cochlear implant is an electronic device which is indicated in the severe/profound hearing loss, and can be used in both children and adults.

Purpose
The purpose of our study was to evaluate the well-being of patients who underwent cochlear implantation, by analyzing the following parameters:
➢ communication,
➢ functionality,
➢ state of general well-being,
➢ social integration.

Results

Gender distribution

Data regarding communication skills

Data regarding functionality

Data regarding the general state of well-being

Data regarding social integration