

Bone Anchored Hearing System

Funding Options for Ponto™ System in Australia



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In Australia, there is a range of funding options available for the Ponto Bone Anchored Hearing System (BAHS). We recommend you talk to your hearing care professional to discuss which solutions may be best suited to meet your needs.

WHAT ARE THE COSTS INVOLVED IN GETTING A PONTO SYSTEM?

The costs of getting a Ponto System may include:

- Audiologist appointments
- ENT (Ear, Nose and Throat) specialist appointments
- Ponto System (Ponto implant and Ponto sound processor) cost
- Surgery expenses and post-operative care
- Post-operative appointments and sound processor activation
- Ongoing care and maintenance of the Ponto sound processor

INITIAL FUNDING OF A PONTO SYSTEM

1 Private Health Insurance

If you have a private hospital health insurance policy covering implantation of hearing devices, the Ponto System and procedures may be fully covered, depending on your level of health insurance. Private health insurers are required to reimburse all devices included on the Department of Health Prostheses List. Here, your health insurer will cover the initial Ponto sound processor, and the Ponto implant and abutment. Coverage of the hospital admission and surgical procedure will depend on the level of your cover.

When checking eligibility with your health fund, we recommend you contact them and ask the following:

- Does my policy cover include items on the Prostheses List (and are there any exceptions)?
- Is there a waiting period prior to undergoing surgery and making a claim? What is it?
- Are there any out-of-pocket costs or claim excess?
- What is the sound processor replacement policy?
- How often am I able to get a replacement sound processor if there is a clinical benefit (every 2 years or longer)?

If there is a WorkCover claim associated with your hearing loss, you will need to inform the health insurer of this as it may impact your level of cover.



Your health insurer may ask you for the Medicare item numbers that your ENT surgeon will use when charging for the surgery, and/or the billing codes associated with the products making up the Ponto System. These can be found in the tables below:

Medicare item number	Description
41603	Osseointegration procedure - implantation of titanium fixture for use with implantable bone conduction hearing system.

Private billing code	Product type	Model
O1039	Ponto Sound Processor	Ponto 5 SuperPower Ponto 5 Mini
O1031	Ponto BHX Implant and Abutment	Ponto 5 SuperPower Ponto 5 Mini

2 Public Funding

There is limited state or public hospital funding for the Ponto System. Your hearing care professional will be able to advise you if there is any public funding available in your case.

3 Private Funding

You can pay for a Ponto System, and associated audiological and surgical services costs yourself. If you are considering this option, please discuss with your surgeon and audiologist so you are aware of all the costs involved.

PONTO SOUND PROCESSOR UPGRADES AND REPLACEMENT

Oticon Medical is a leader in implantable hearing solutions and is committed to provide innovative solutions to improve your hearing performance now and for years to come. Upgrades for the sound processor used with your implant are essential to keep up with the latest hearing technology, and do not require additional surgery. You may be eligible for a replacement/upgrade sound processor based on clinical requirements.

1 Private Health Insurance

Each health fund approaches replacements or upgrades differently. You are encouraged to contact your health insurer to ascertain what their policy is around replacement/upgrade devices prior to undergoing Ponto implant surgery.

Given the value of the Ponto sound processor, you may wish to consider insuring your device for loss and damage under your home and contents insurance.

2 Hearing Australia

Hearing Australia is an Australian Government agency that is dedicated to help people manage their hearing impairment. The agency provides a full range of hearing services for children and young people up to the age of 26, eligible adults, most war veterans and aged pensioners.

For more information, visit www.hearing.com.au

3 National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)

For upgrades and aftercare, you may want to consider the National Disability Insurance Scheme. Speak to your clinic to see if this is an option for you.

For more information, visit www.ndis.gov.au

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

A Ponto System could be the best investment you could make. If you need further information, please contact the Oticon Medical team at

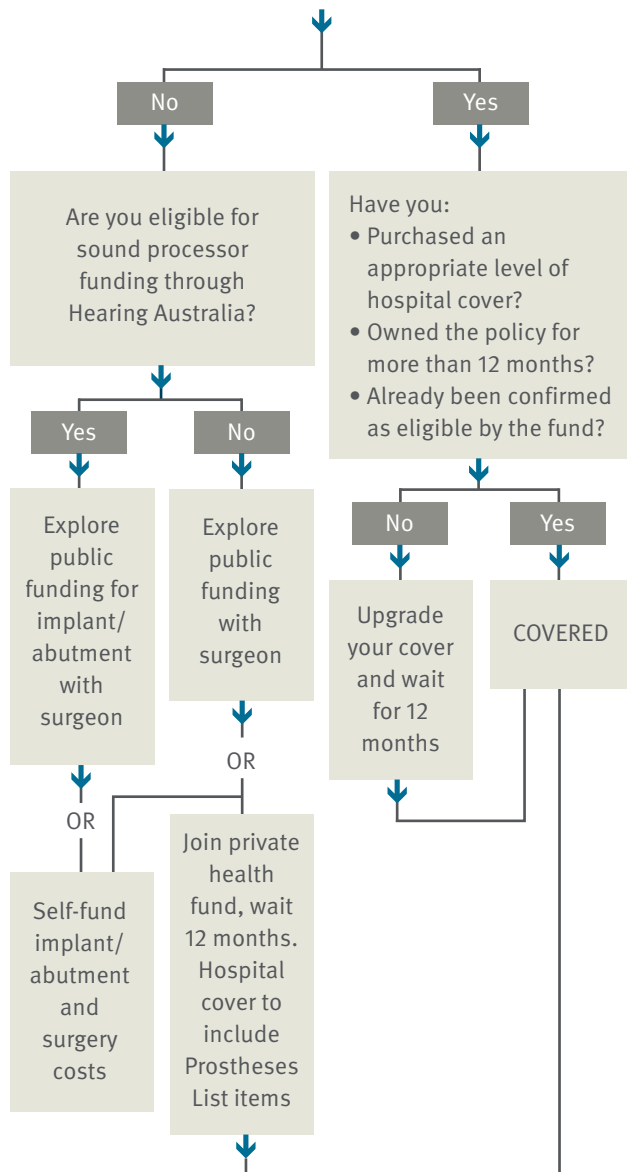
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no question is too big or too small.



PONTO SYSTEM FUNDING OPTIONS

Do you have private health insurance?



Please discuss the options with your hearing care professional to understand which options will best meet your needs.

Because sound matters

Oticon Medical is a global company in implantable hearing solutions, dedicated to bringing the power of sound to people at every stage of life. For more than a decade, we have made bone anchored hearing systems more accessible by simplifying the treatment for physicians, audiologists, and patients alike.

We believe that patients and hearing care professionals should be able to choose the best possible solution at any time along the patient journey. We call it “Freedom of Choice” and it has always been paramount to Oticon Medical. This is the reason why our solutions are designed to be compatible whenever possible. As a result, an implant from Oticon Medical stands as a true testament to our unwavering lifelong support.

We work collaboratively to ensure that every solution we create is designed with our users’ needs in mind. We have a strong passion to provide innovative solutions and support that enhance quality of life and help people live life to the fullest – now and in the future.

Because we know how much sound matters.



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This medical device must be administered/applied/implanted by a healthcare professional. Performance of the hearing devices is dependent on individual circumstances and may not be appropriate for all conditions. Always read the label and follow the instructions. This product is not available for purchase by the general public.

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