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Oticon Medical offers cochlear implant solutions and bone anchored hearing systems for different patient groups with hearing loss. All of our solutions are specialized to meet the needs of those who face the hardest hearing challenges.



The choice to have a cochlear implant is a choice for life, which is why the reliability of the CI system you choose is of the utmost importance.

The report presents the reliability data for the Neuro Zti implant and the Neuro 2 Sound Processor; key components of the Neuro System from Oticon Medical.

The Neuro CI System is registered in 65 countries including the US, where FDA approval was obtained in 2021.



René Govaerts

President,
Oticon Medical

Numerous tests performed to ensure high reliability

Cochlear implants help thousands of people worldwide, every day of every year. Every CI user needs to be able to rely on their device's performance, no matter what situation or environment they find themselves in products live up to the highest quality standards, in compliance with hundreds of international requirements.

To simulate patient's active lives, cochlear implants systems undergo hundreds of different tests. These tests include shock resistance, bending, stretching, exposure to extreme temperature and humidity conditions. These tests are performed thousands of times on the implant and the sound processor and also on all accessories and spare parts. For instance, one of these tests evaluates the number of times the battery compartment of the sound processor can be removed and replaced and still remain safe and usable. The requirements state the device must support it over 6,000 times.



Implant impact test



Sound processor battery compartment test – 6,000 cycles



Sound processor sweat, moisture and humidity test

How this report has been made

All cochlear implant manufacturers are required to report any implant or sound processor failures no matter where in the world they are.

This report is written in accordance with two international standards; firstly Part 1 is presented in accordance with the principles described in the European and Global Consensus on Cochlear Implant Failures. Secondly, in Part 2 american standard /AAMI CI 86 standard – Cochlear implant systems: Requirements for safety, functional verification, labeling and reliability reporting are presented.

Reliability Part 1: European standards







97.92%
Average CSP after 7 years

Including accident-related issues combining EVO and Classic



0.7% FCRR

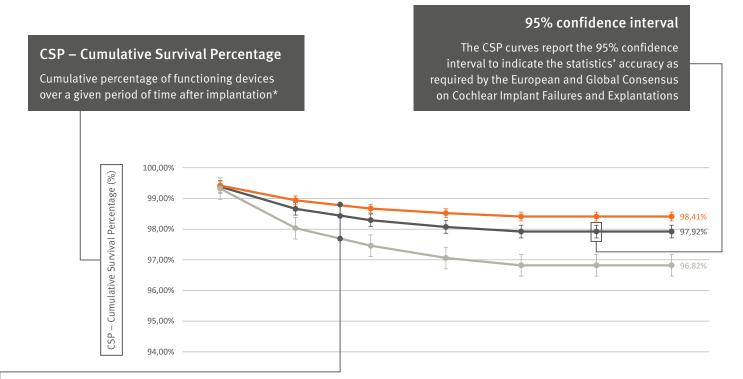
Average FCRR over 24 months

Implant reliability

Introduction

In accordance with European and Global Consensus on Cochlear Implant Failures and Explantations. The approach recommended by EU is the Cumulative Survival Percentage (CSP), which is presented in the following paragraph.

How to read this report



	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years	6 years	7 years
Combined adults & children	99.38%	98.66%	98.29%	98.07%	97.92%	97.92%	97.92%
— ■ Adults (+18y)	99.42%	98.94%	98.67%	98.52%	98.41%	98.41%	98.41%
—— Children (-18y)	99.32%	98.03%	97.46%	97.06%	96.82%	96.82%	96.82%

Curves

3 CSP curves are reported – one for adults, one for children (below 18 years old) and one combined – all including accident-related issues.

Detailed CSP

Detailed CSP are given for each year after implantation

^{*}Device survival time begins with closure of the wound.

Neuro Zti implant

It has the smallest surgical footprint¹ thanks to its unique rigid structure¹ made of zirconia and titanium. This enables it to absorb the high impacts encountered in daily life.

Neuro Zti also features a unique screw fixation system¹ that aims at making the implant stable without the need for bone bed drilling, saving precious time in the operating room.¹

Thanks to the unique loudness coding in duration and the OM pulse shape, and the focused stimulation strategy has been developed to deliver precise stimulation and clear sound in a way that respects the natural physiology of the auditory system.

In addition, Neuro Zti has received the CE mark for extended MRI compatibility*. Thanks to a unique combination of an innovative magnet and a unique fixation system, the Neuro Zti MRI 3T is able to withstand MRI scans up to 3T with the magnet in place.

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The root cause of loss of hermeticity was identified and corrective and preventive actions put into place. The Neuro Zti implant was cleared for re-entry to market by regulatory authorities in June 2022. The reliability of the new implant version will be reported in 2023.





^{*}Subject to local availability according to local regulatory standards

Electrode arrays

The Neuro Zti cochlear implant features two kinds of electrode arrays – Classic and EVO – both composed of 20 platinum iridium full-band electrodes.

The CLASSIC electrode array has a stiff profile proving greater insertion forces to support some compromised cochlear patency insertions.



Neuro Zti CLA

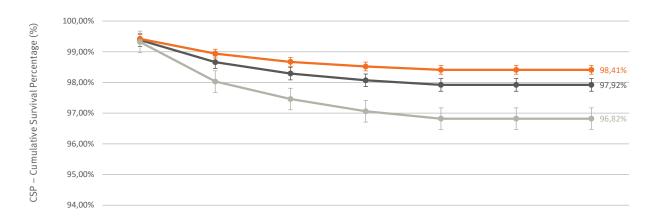
The EVO electrode array has been designed for soft surgery ^{2, 3} and is mainly used for normal cochleas insertions, also when surgeons want to preserve fragile cochlea's structure, and reduce the risk of trauma.^{2, 3, 4}



Neuro Zti EVO

Neuro Zti - Classic & EVO





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2015
First implantation
97.92%

Including accident-related issues

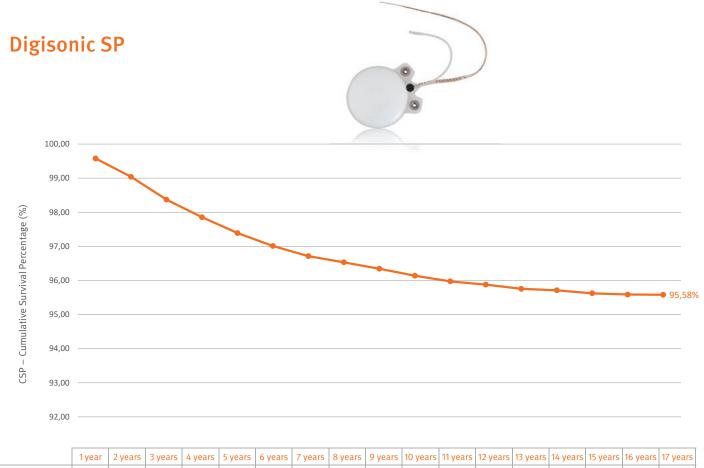
Data as June 30^{th} 2022 Confidence intervals smaller than 0.1% may not be clearly visible in the graphs.

Digisonic SP implant

In 2005, the Digisonic® SP implant revolutionized the cochlear implant market thanks to its unique monobloc design with the magnet and the receiver in a single unit. The implant's structure, combined with an exclusive screw fixation system, removes the need to drill a bone bed during surgery.

The Digisonic SP range has been discontinued in 2020. In accordance with the European consensus, Oticon Medical keeps on reporting its reliability over time.





	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years	6 years	7 years	8 years	9 years	10 years	11 years	12 years	13 years	14 years	15 years	16 years	17 years
Combined adults & children	99,58%	99,04%	98,37%	97,86%	97,39%	97,01%	96,71%	96,53%	96,34%	96,14%	95,97%	95,88%	95,76%	95,71%	95,62%	95,59%	95,58%

2006
First implantation
95.58%

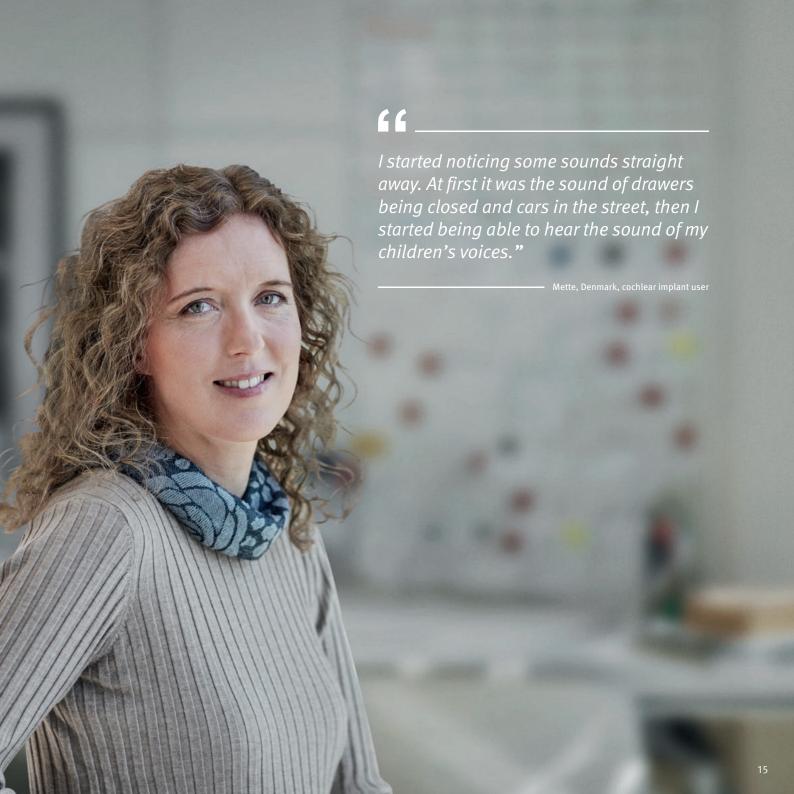
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Sound processor reliability

Introduction

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How to read the sound processor data

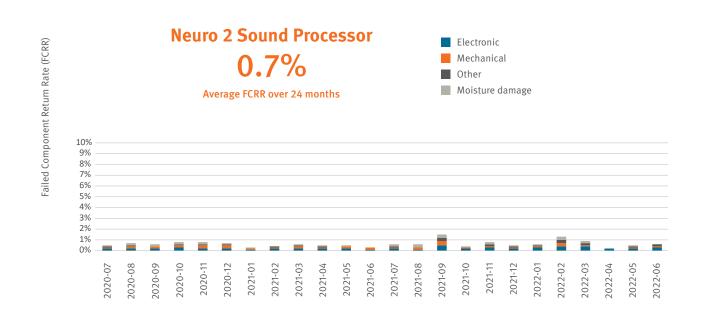
Failed Component Return Rate (FCRR): percentage of the total number of original non-implantable components sold which are returned as failed devices each month.

Electronic failure

A functional failure of the electronics or the electronic assembly.

Other/unknown failure

Failures that don't fit in the other categories (e.g. firmware failures).



Mechanical failure

A functional failure resulting from physical damage caused by mechanical stress, chemical exposure, or ultraviolet (UV) exposure that is a result of normal use.

Moisture damage failure

A functional failure that is a result of moisture ingress.

This category excludes corrosion and other similar

damage unless it results in a functional failure.

The Neuro 2 sound processor commercialized in 2018 is the smallest sound processor on the market. It is sweeping up prizes in the cochlear implant industry due to its groundbreaking design.

All cochlear implant systems can help users understand speech in quiet conditions. It's the noisy environments that remain the biggest challenge. Built on the advanced Inium Sense chip platform from Oticon, the Neuro 2 sound processor features key technologies that capture sound details, efficiently remove noise and are clinically proven to improve speech understanding in noisy conditions.^{5, 6}

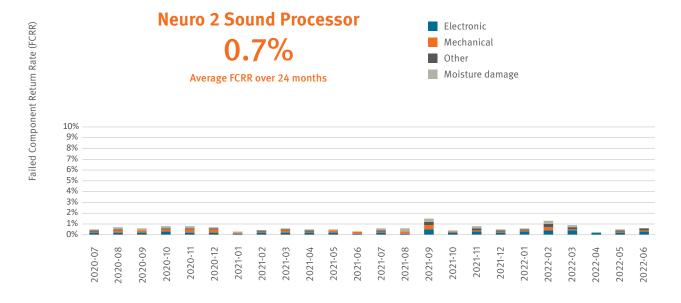


Neuro 2 Sound Processor

Neuro 2 Sound Processor - Failed Component Return Rate

Fail Mode	July 20	Aug 20	Sep 20	Oct 20	Nov 20	Dec 20	Jan 21	Feb 21	Mar 21	April 21	May 21	Jun 21
Electronic	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%
Fault-free*	0.3%	0.5%	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%
Mechanical	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%
Moisture damage	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%
Other	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%

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Mechanical	0.1%	0.2%	0.4%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.3%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%
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Other	0.1%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.3%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%



^{*} Fault-free fail mode is a returned device that is found to be fully functional. The device condition might reflect normal wear and tear, such as minor mechanical damage (including scratches, cracks, and discoloration), corrosion, and/or moisture damage that did not result in a functional failure.

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Part 2 Reliability: American standard







2.08% Average CRP after 7 years



0.7% FCRR

Average FCRR over
24 months

Implant reliability

Introduction

In accordance with the ANSI/AAMI CI86 – Cochlear implant systems: Requirements for safety, functional verification, labeling and reliability reporting.

The guidelines require manufacturers to provide information to the public about the percentage of implanted devices that have been removed following implantation. This number is the cumulative removal percentage (CRP). It is important to track device reliability information over time because cochlear implants typically remain implanted for years. It is also important to track the reasons for removal when devices are replaced.

How to read the implant data

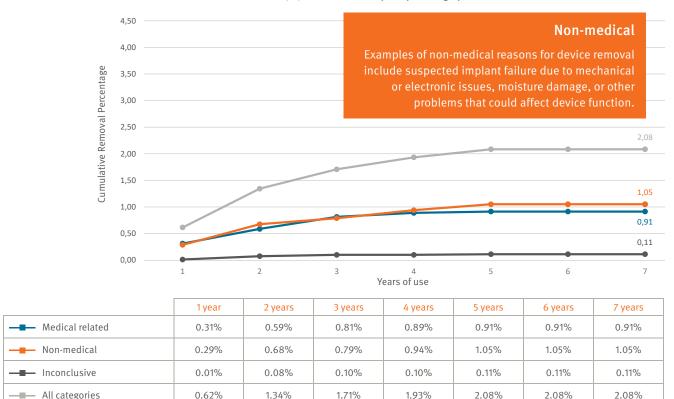
Medical reason

Examples of medical reasons for device removal include infection, rejection of the device due to allergy, or improper positioning of the internal device.

Inconclusive reason

Occasionally, manufacturer testing of the device indicates no fault found with the device, despite a reason for removal.

Neuro Zti (All) – Removal rates by analysis category for Adults and Children



CRP - Cumulative Removal Percentage

Percentage of the total number of removed devices compared to the total number of implanted devices of the same model.

Note: data and graphs on this page are for example only.

Age-related CRP

3 CRP data are reported – one for adults, one for children (below 10 years old) and one combined. Age-related differences may affect the CRP. Typically, children younger than 10 years of age have a higher chance of activity-related damage to the device.

Neuro Zti implant

The Neuro Zti cochlear implant commercialized in 2015 is the result of more than 25 years' experience in cochlear implant development, manufacturing know-how and material science expertise.

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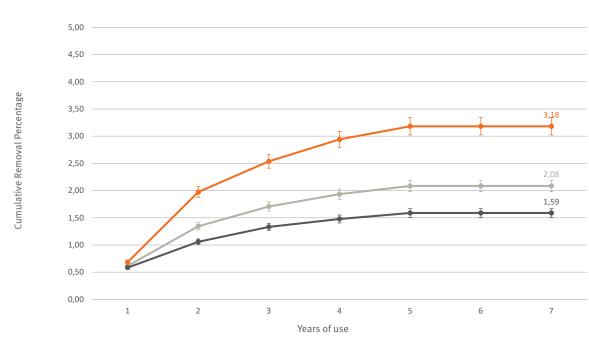
Group	Adults										
Subcategory	Medical related	Device failure	Inconclusive	Total	То	tal					
Years	CRP	CRP	CRP	CRP	CI_up	CI_low					
Y1	0.29	0.27	0.02	0.58	0.91	0.26					
Y2	0.47	0.55	0.04	1.06	1.38	0.74					
Y3	0.68	0.60	0.05	1.33	1.65	1.01					
Y4	0.75	0.68	0.05	1.48	1.80	1.16					
Y5	0.77	0.75	0.07	1.59	1.91	1.27					
Y6	0.77	0.75	0.07	1.59	1.91	1.27					
Y7	0.77	0.75	0.07	1.59	1.91	1.27					

Group	Children										
Subcategory	Medical related	Device failure	Inconclusive	Total	То	tal					
Years	CRP	CRP	CRP	CRP	CI_up	CI_low					
Y1	0.36	0.32	0.00	0.68	1.48	-0.11					
Y2	0.85	0.97	0.16	1.97	2.77	1.18					
Y3	1.13	1.21	0.20	2.54	3.33	1.74					
Y4	1.21	1.53	0.20	2.94	3.73	2.15					
Y5	1.25	1.73	0.20	3.18	3.98	2.39					
Y6	1.25	1.73	0.20	3.18	3.98	2.39					
Y7	1.25	1.73	0.20	3.18	3.98	2.39					

Group	Combined Adults and Children										
Subcategory	Medical related	Device failure	Inconclusive	Total	To	tal					
Years	CRP	CRP	CRP	CRP	CI_up	CI_low					
Y1	0.31	0.29	0.01	0.62	1.08	0.15					
Y2	0.59	0.68	0.08	1.34	1.81	0.87					
Y3	0.81	0.79	0.10	1.71	2.18	1.24					
Y4	0.89	0.94	0.10	1.93	2.40	1.46					
Y5	0.91	1.05	0.11	2.08	2.55	1.62					
Y6	0.91	1.05	0.11	2.08	2.55	1.62					
Y7	0.91	1.05	0.11	2.08	2.55	1.62					

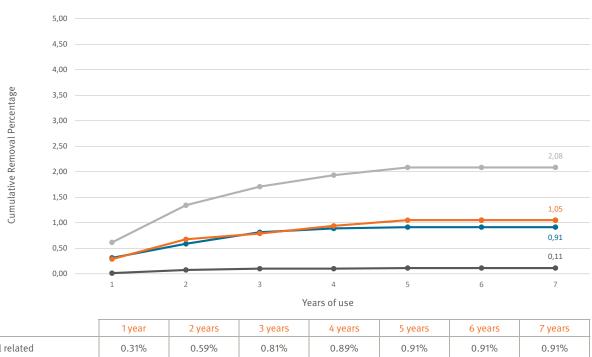
Note: Cl_up and Cl_down are 95% Confidence Limits.

Neuro Zti removal rates for all analysis categories and patient populations



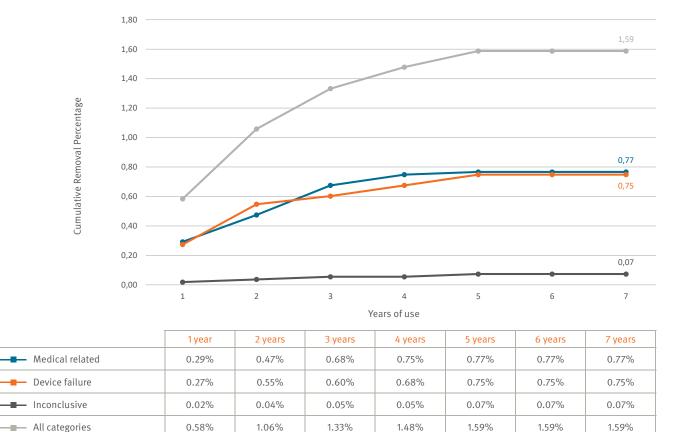
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—— Children (<10y)	0.68%	1.97%	2.54%	2.94%	3.18%	3.18%	3.18%

Neuro Zti removal rates by analysis category for adults and children

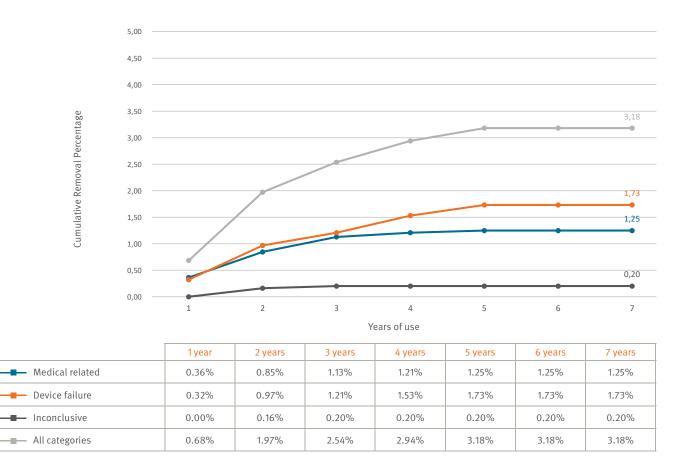


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─ ■ Medical related	0.31%	0.59%	0.81%	0.89%	0.91%	0.91%	0.91%
Device failure	0.29%	0.68%	0.79%	0.94%	1.05%	1.05%	1.05%
Inconclusive	0.01%	0.08%	1.10%	0.10%	0.11%	0.11%	0.11%
— All categories	0.62%	1.34%	1.71%	1.93%	2.08%	2.08%	2.08%

Neuro Zti removal rates by analysis category for adults

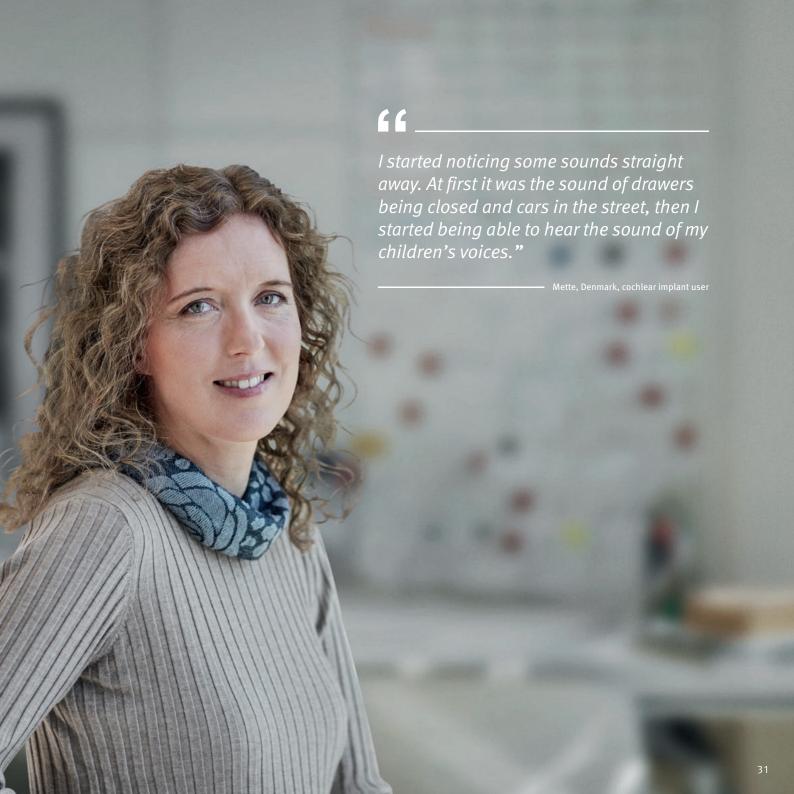


Neuro Zti removal rates by analysis category for children (<10 years old)



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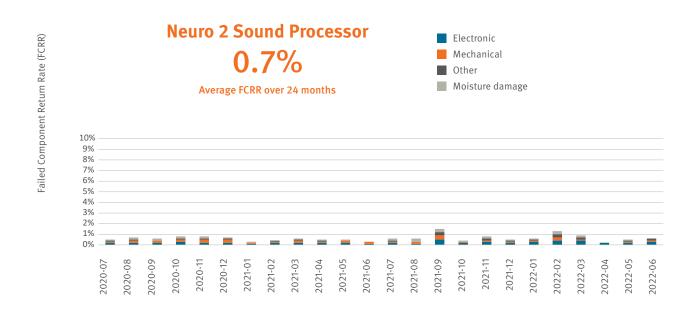
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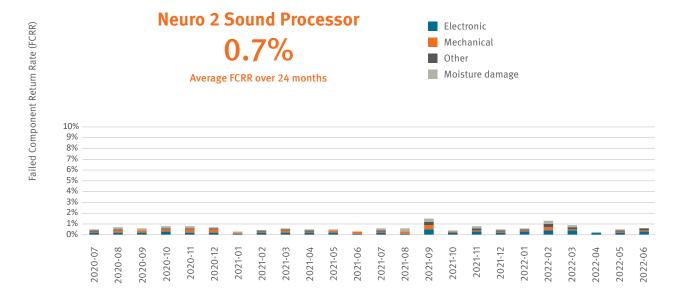
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Neuro 2 Sound Processor

Neuro 2 Sound Processor - Failed Component Return Rate

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Electronic	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%
Fault-free*	0.3%	0.5%	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%
Mechanical	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%
Moisture damage	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%
Other	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%

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Electronic	0.2%	0.1%	0.5%	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%	0.3%	0.4%	0.4%	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%
Fault-free*	0.2%	0.1%	0.4%	0.1%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%	0.4%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%
Mechanical	0.1%	0.2%	0.4%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.3%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%
Moisture damage	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.3%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%
Other	0.1%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.3%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%



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