The ACI Alliance annual cochlear implant conference will hold the featured (Re)Habilitation Connect Forum—an afternoon seminar for attendees from across the care continuum—with presentation and discussion on CI aftercare among educators, speech-language pathologists, audiologists, psychologists, physicians, and others supporting the CI journey. Like the rest of the CI conference, the event is research-based and clinically focused. It will include content on both pediatric and adult topics. A moderated panel discussion will follow each of the pediatric and adult segments.

The pediatric session will explore variabilities in outcomes for children who have received cochlear implants and suggest approaches or intervention strategies to address those variabilities. Research and therapies will address:

- Variability in young adults psychosocial, speech-language, and neurocognitive outcomes
- Stress appraisal and coping responses in preschool CI users
- Caregiver-child language activity as a predictor of spoken language outcomes
- Access challenges associated with language disparities
- Special education determination methods and impact on child support

The adult segment will address adult rehabilitation in cochlear implant programs. Discussion will revolve around the relative paucity of evidence on adult rehabilitation and how to move the needle in the right direction.

Topics will include:

- How to build an adult aural rehabilitation program
- Patient satisfaction and visit efficiency with involvement of speech language pathologists
- Outcomes with computer-based auditory training
- Social network diversity and adult quality of life

The adult segment will be introduced and moderated by Lindsay Zombek MS, CCC-SLP, LSLS Cert AVT.

Following the conclusion of the presentations, we will Continue the Conversation with refreshments and an opportunity to interact further with presenters and attendees. We are grateful to Hearing First for sponsoring the reception.

Additional (re)habilitation related topics—including literacy in children who are deaf and hard of hearing—will be presented within the main conference program as podium and poster presentations. Watch for more details on the conference website: www.CI2024Vancouver.org