

# Continuing Professional Development Lecture: Debunking Myths about Hearing Loss and Cochlear Implants 23 September 2020

## Synopsis

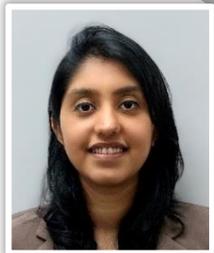
Singapore is gradually seeing an increasing number of hearing loss in the population. With more babies diagnosed with hearing loss through the newborn hearing screening and with an estimated 422,000 older adults in Singapore suffering from hearing loss (Academy of Medicine, 2017), this “invisible disability” is still often misunderstood.

This talk will tackle some of the most common myths about hearing loss and cochlear implants and discuss if technology has truly changed what it means to be deaf.

At the end of the talk, participants will be able to debunk the following myths:

- Hearing devices restore hearing to normal limits.
- Raising your voice is the most effective way to communicate with a patient with hearing loss.
- Hearing loss that is untreated has minimal impact on the rest of a patient's health.
- Cochlear implants are only a solution for young children
- Lip-reading is taught using the Auditory-Verbal approach.
- Implant users who can already talk need not undergo (re)habilitation.

## Speaker



**Nikita Kamdar**  
**Senior Auditory-Verbal Therapist**  
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Nikita graduated with a Master's Degree in Speech & Hearing Sciences (Deaf Education-Early Oral Intervention) from the United States. She gained valuable experience working in a school and at the renowned Listening Center at John's Hopkins Hospital, providing therapy to adults and children with varying degrees of hearing loss.

Nikita is one of the few certified Listening & Spoken Language Therapists in Singapore and has been practicing Auditory-Verbal Therapy since 2014. Her experience and interests also include working with children with hearing loss and other developmental challenges such as Autism.

Nikita is also a firm believer in patient education and providing extended care to families of children with hearing loss through support group activities.

## Lecture Details

Date	:	<b>23 September 2020, Wednesday</b>
Duration	:	<b>45 minutes</b>
Time	:	<b>6.00 pm - 6.45 pm</b>
Fee	:	<b>Complimentary</b>
Platform	:	<b>Zoom Cloud Meetings</b>

## Target Audience

All allied health professionals

## Registration

To register, scan the QR code or click on the web link.  
Registration closes on **28 August 2020, Friday**.



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Upon registration, you agree to the following [Terms & Conditions](#).

*Limited to 300 participants per lecture.*

*This lecture will be conducted via [Zoom Cloud Meetings](#) app. For ease of accessing the lecture, please download/update Zoom Cloud Meetings app.*

*Details of the lecture meeting link will be sent to the successful registrants nearer the lecture date.*

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