

Bringing Technology to Life

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The Colorado Department of Education &
The Colorado Cochlear Implant Consortium

For many years cochlear implant technology has transformed the work of professionals who serve students who are deaf and hard of hearing. This year's conference focuses on how cochlear implants have actually re-organized brain function and how they continue to evolve and integrate into the lives of children and youth in today's highly technological world.

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION:

ANU SHARMA, PHD.

The Colorado Cochlear Implant Consortium is proud to announce CU Boulder's very own Dr. Anu Sharma as the keynote speaker for this year's conference. Dr. Sharma's research has been awe-inspiring on the effects of cochlear implants in children as they relate to cortical development and re-organization. By examining cortical auditory evoked potentials in normal-hearing children, congenitally deaf children who wear cochlear implants, children with auditory neuropathy, and children and adults with hearing impairment, we may better understand and determine the best time and ear for implantation. Dr. Sharma's research findings have been featured in the *New York Times* and other publications.

WESTERN REGIONAL STATES INVITATION:

The Colorado Department of Education is pleased to invite our neighboring states of Arizona, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming to participate in this year's videoconference.

- State school districts and early intervention programs may set up and host remote locations for this conference for a webstreaming fee of \$24.00 per site (to be billed by University of Colorado Educational Support Services).
- Technology required to join the conference consists of a computer with high speed internet, Windows Media Player 10 or higher, and a way to project video and audio.
- Formal CEU credits are not offered with this conference but states may wish to offer participants department of education credit.
- For more information contact Lisa Cannon at Lisa_Cannon@dpsk12.org.

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Program Agenda

The conference will also feature presentations from each of the manufacturers, Advanced Bionics, Cochlear, and MED-EL, and will include the latest in apps and tools for educators, ways to make sure kids are connected, and first-hand perspectives from implant users. We'll explore how technology and teaching in classrooms today impact students with a live panel of middle and high school implant users. Insight from the kids in the trenches will provide a launching pad for future direction as we continue to navigate the integration of technology into our lives and learning.

8:30 Webcast Sign-On/Test

9:00 Welcome & Introductions

9:15 Keynote Dr. Anu Sharma

10:30 Break

10:45 Remembering What We Know and Learned

11:15 Advanced Bionics

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Cochlear

1:45 MED-EL

2:30 Break

2:45 Student Panel

3:45 Wrap-Up