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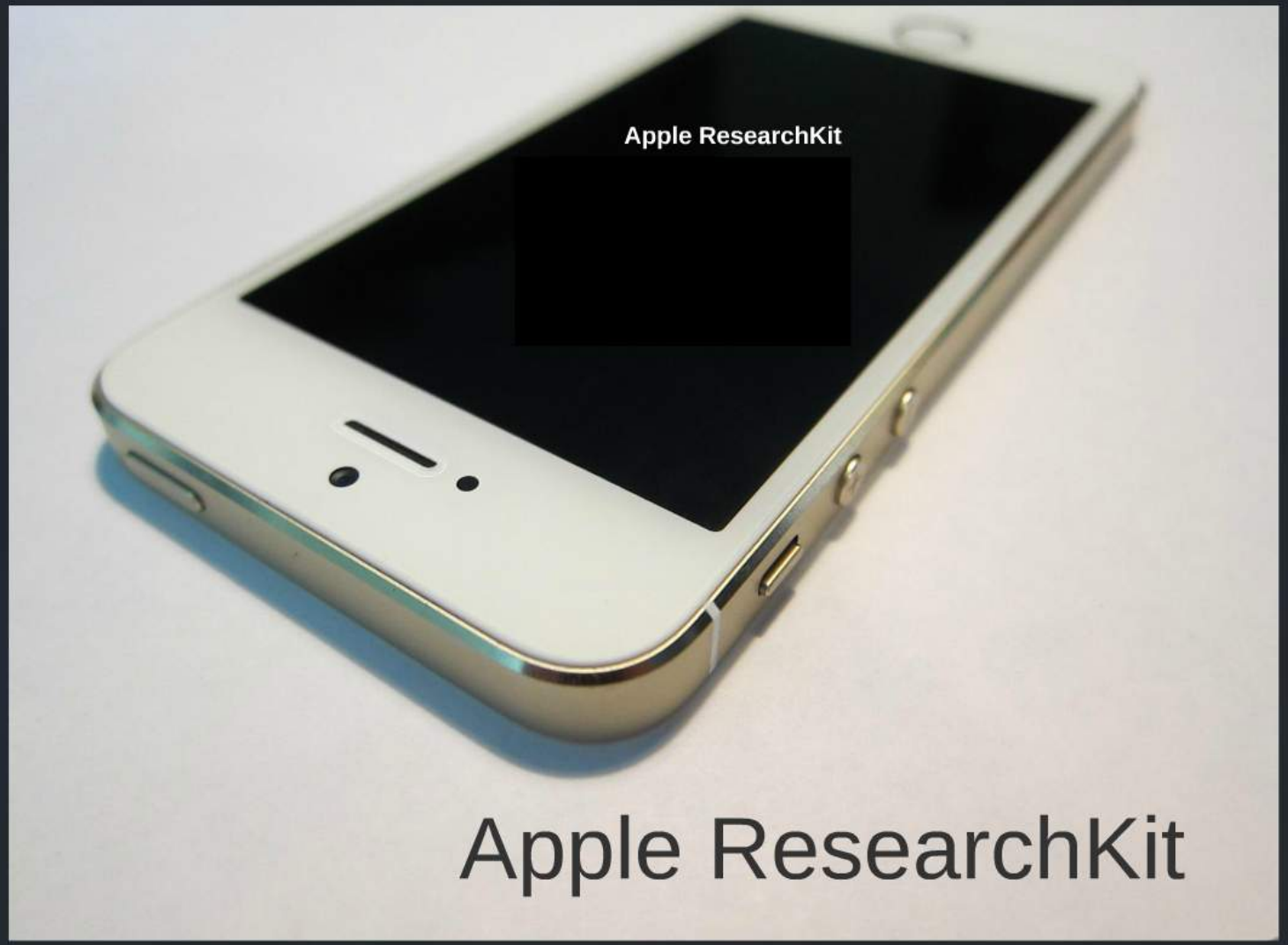
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Minges, 2012 – World Bank Report

The number of mobile subscriptions will soon overtake the world's population

BILLION

2002
There are over 1 billion mobile subscriptions, passing fixed-line users.

1978
First commercial cellular mobile services established.

1961
85 years later, fixed-line subscriptions reach 100 million.

1876
Alexander Graham Bell holds the first two-way telephone conversation.

The number of mobile phone subscriptions will soon exceed the world's population!

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LOBAL POPULATION FIXED-LINE SUBSCRIPTIONS MOBILE SUBSCRIPTIONS

Thanks to William Webb for the slide

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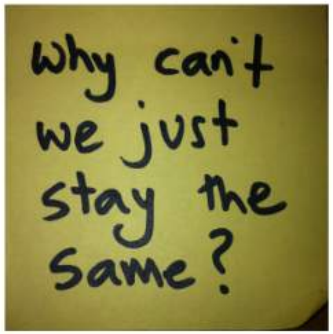

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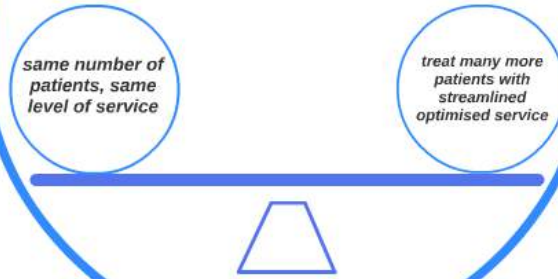

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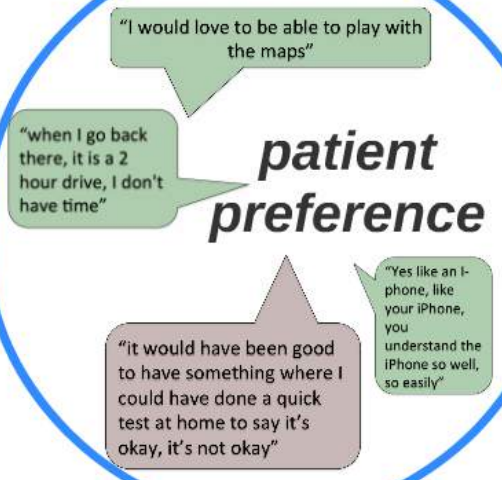

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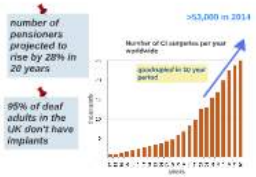

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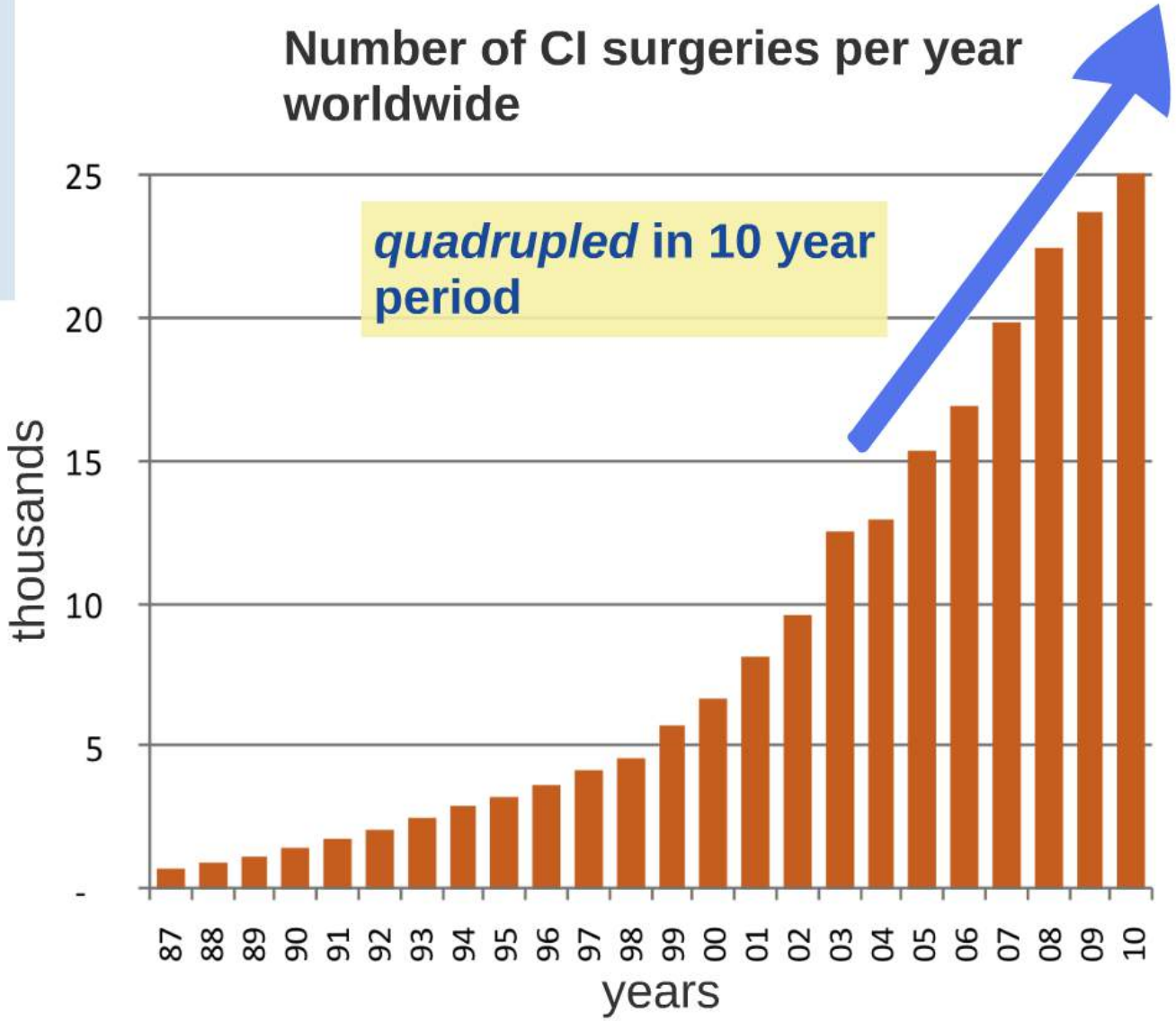
number of pensioners projected to rise by 28% in 20 years

95% of deaf adults in the UK don't have implants

>53,000 in 2014



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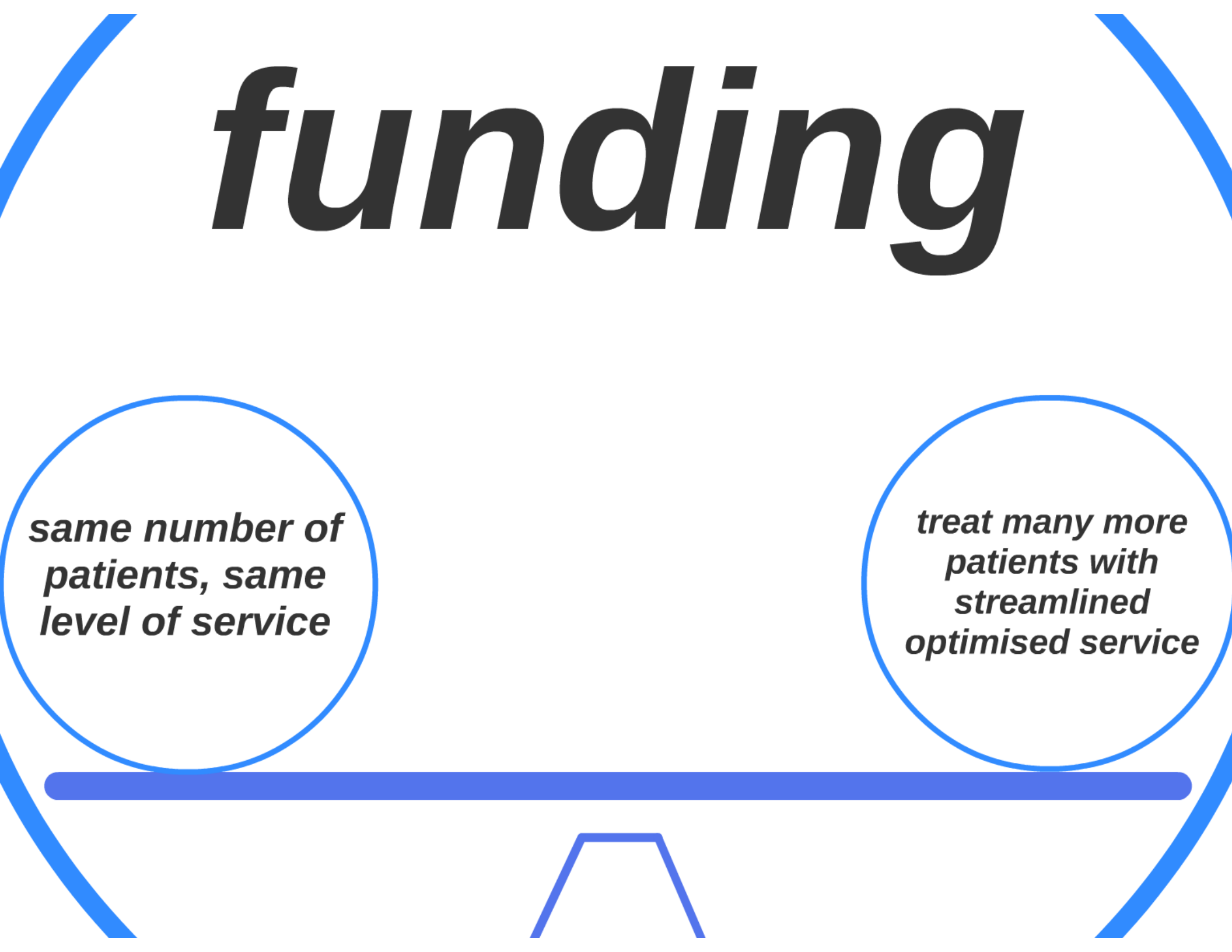
same number of patients, same level of service

treat many more patients with streamlined optimised service



"I would love to be able to play with the maps"
"when I go back there, it is a 2 hour drive, I don't have time"
patient preference
"Yes like an I-phone, like your iPhone, you understand the iPhone so well, so easily"
"it would have been good to have something where I could have done a quick test at home to say it's okay, it's not okay"

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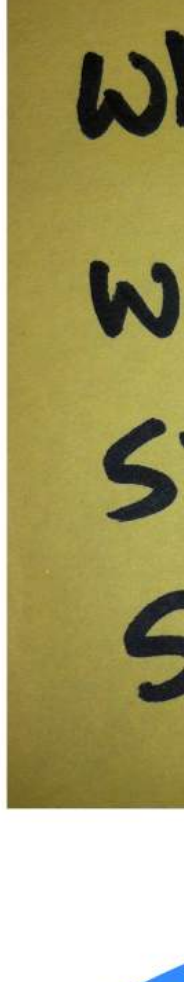
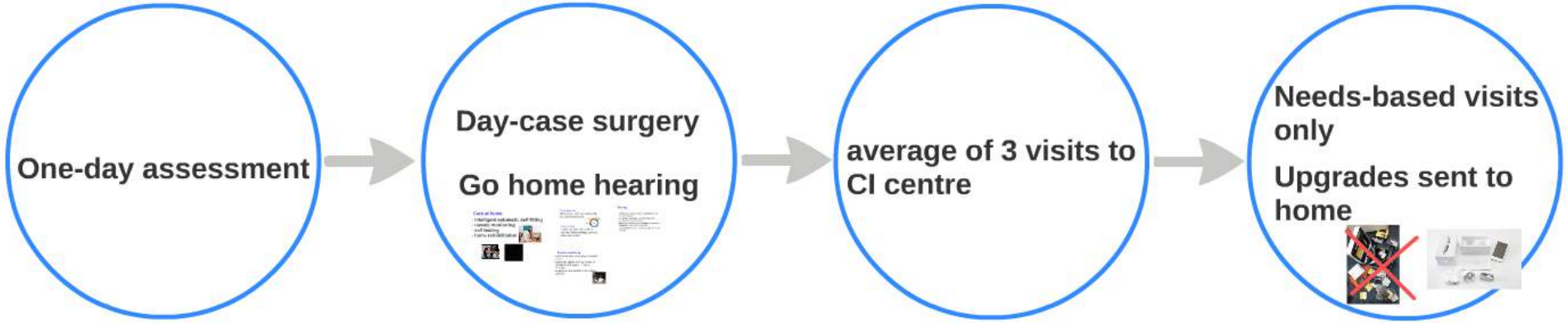


The CI centre in 2025

personalised patient-centred pathway:



Benefits to the patient

1.

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3.

Day-case surgery

Go home hearing

Care at home

- intelligent automatic self-fitting
- remote monitoring
- self testing
- home rehabilitation

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device use, settings, battery life, sound environments

Data mining

analysing large data sets to optimise initial settings, provide better outcomes

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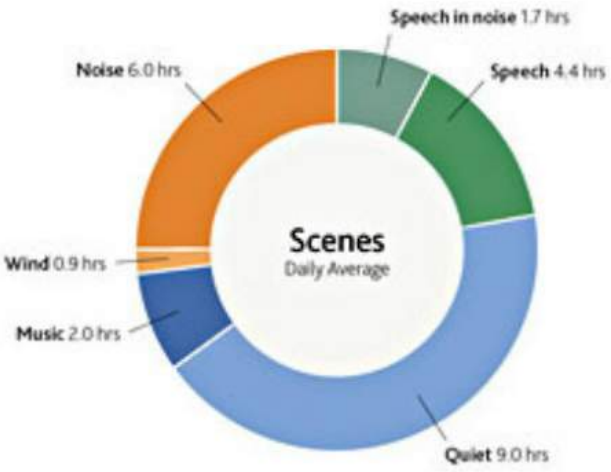

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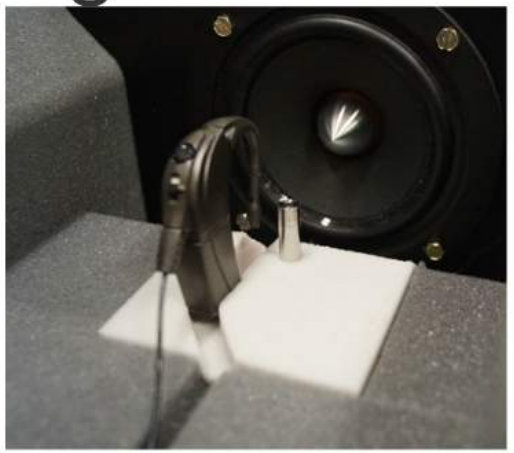

Needs-based visits only

Upgrades sent to home

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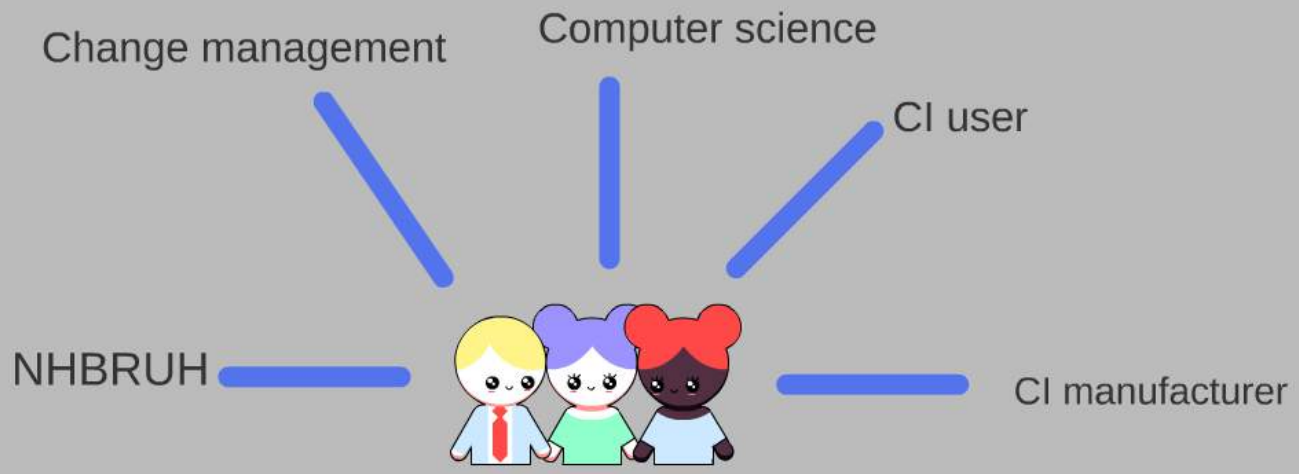

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3. online/smart phone intervention package

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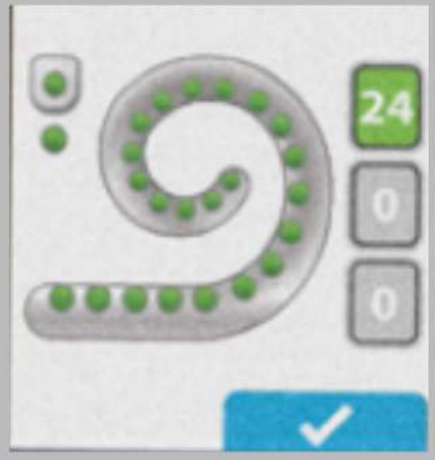
speech perception check and long-term follow-up questionnaire

impedance check



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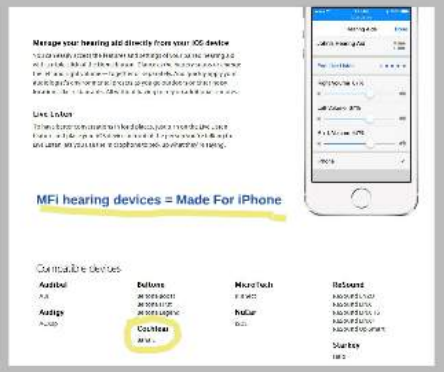


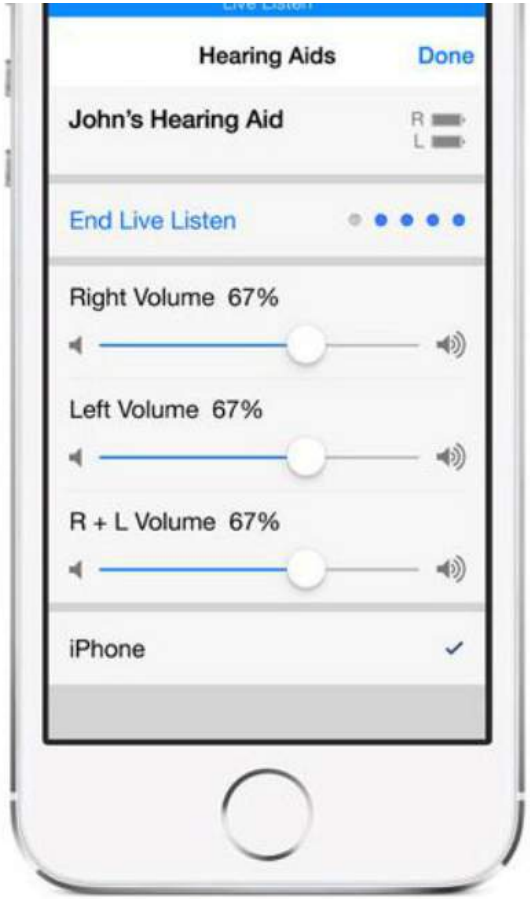
2. Self-adjustment of device

Manage your hearing aid directly from your iOS device

You can easily access the features and settings of your paired hearing aid with a triple click of the Home button. Glance at the battery status or change the left and right volume — together or separately. And quickly apply your audiologist's environmental presets as you go outdoors or enter noisy locations like restaurants. All without having to rely on additional remotes.

Live Listen

To have better conversations in loud places, just turn on the Live Listen feature and place your iOS device in front of the person you're talking to.* Live Listen lets you use the microphone to pick up what they're saying.



MFi hearing devices = Made For iPhone

Compatible devices

Audibel
A3i

Audigy
AGXsp

Beltone
Beltone Boost
Beltone First
Beltone Legend

Cochlear
Baha 5

MicroTech
Kinnect

NuEar
iSDS

ReSound
ReSound ENZO
ReSound LiNX
ReSound LiNX TS
ReSound LiNX²
ReSound Up Smart

Starkey
Halo

WiFi?

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3. online/smart phone intervention package

rehab

music

advice

goal-setting

reminders

trouble-shooting

training

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Welcome to CIRCA!

We hope you will find everything you need here to help manage your cochlear implant.

First time logging in?

Please click the 'sign up' button below

Logged in before?

If you have already logged in to the site, please click the 'log in' button below.

If you are having problems logging in, please contact CIRCA@soton.ac.uk

If you are have forgotten your password, please click here

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Main menu

Choose one of the options below:

Test your hearing

Solve a problem or get help

Do some rehab

Get info or training

Contact

Back

Next

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Rehabilitation

We're really pleased you want to work on your hearing. It's just like anything else, the more you practise … the better you get!

What would you like to work on?

- Set or review your goals
- Use the telephone
- Music
- Listening in background noise

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Your goals

You can choose and set some goals for your hearing

What would you like to work on? Choose 2 priorities for the next 3 months (** 1 month if still in first year).

- Wearing my speech processor more
- Recognising sounds
- Understanding speech better
- Listening in background noise
- Using accessories

(these are radio buttons, on or off, can only select 2, these now show on home page And record the date these goals were set so in 3 months there can be a reminder)**

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Solve a problem or get help

What sort of problem do you have?

- Medical
- Equipment
- Worried or depressed about your hearing
- Not hearing so well
- Problems with this website

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Outcomes we will measure

- patient empowerment
- clinician and patient preference
- speech perception
- use of clinic resources

Ask us how it went in July 2016!

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