Dear VCU Audiology Patient,

My name is Alison King and I am the Auditory Therapist with the VCU Cochlear Implant team. I wanted to invite you and a guest to participate in our first Adult Listening Support Group. Through the generous support of the MCV Hospital Auxiliary, we are able to offer this initial group at NO COST to you. The first months after activation of your cochlear implant can be challenging. Accessing resources to assist you in adjusting to your CI can be difficult. However, our department is here to help you. We will host a series of 5 group meetings from the months of October through February. Our center will purchase for each participant, the LACE Auditory Training Program and an informational workbook entitled *5 Keys to Communication Success*.

The LACE program is a self-paced adaptive auditory training program designed to improve your listening and communication skills. It is web-based and can be used in your home at your convenience. The workbook tackles common communication breakdowns that may be familiar to you and your family members. During each meeting, our audiology staff will facilitate discussions regarding topics such as listening to music, navigating noisy environments, communication strategies, and the accessories available for cochlear implants. Participants will be able to share their experiences and learn from each other as well as from VCU Audiology staff about optimizing their results post-cochlear implantation.

The meetings will be held at the Stony Point office at 4:30 on October 21st, November 18th, December 16th, January 20th, and February 17th. Each meeting is anticipated to last no longer than an hour. Space is limited to 10 participants and one guest. If you are interested, please email me at aking5@mcvh-vcu.edu or call me at 828-0431 as soon as possible. Thank you and I look forward to meeting you at our first meeting.

Sincerely,

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