

## MRI Checklist for MED-EL Bone Conduction Implant BCI 601

If the conditions or instructions herein are NOT followed, INJURY to the patient and/or DAMAGE to the implant may result!

 $\rightarrow$  VALID for all body regions

In case of additional implants, e.g. a hearing implant in the other ear: MRI safety guidelines for this implant need to be considered in addition.



The external components of the MED-EL Implant System (audio processor and accessories) are MR Unsafe and need to be removed prior to scanning.





The implant components of the MED-EL Implant System are MR Conditional.



## General conditions

- → PERMITTED, static magnetic field strength
- → MAXIMUM RECOMMENDED SAR (at 1.5 T)

Up to 1.5 T NORMAL OPERATING MODE 3.2 W/kg (Head), 2.0 W/kg (Whole-Body)

## Preparation

•	USER IDENTIFICATION CARD	□ OK
	Ask patient for User Identification Card to check implant type.	
•	IMAGE ARTEFACT Is accurate diagnostic possible even with the expected image artefact (max. 15 cm around the implant)?	□YES → continue (next bullet point) □ NO → consider MARS sequences, alternative imaging technologies
•	AUDITORY SENSATIONS Inform the patient about possible auditory sensations during the examination.  NOTE: The likelihood and intensity of auditory sensations can be reduced by selecting sequences with a lower Specific Absorption Rate (SAR) and slower gradient slew rates. May also be reduced by putting on noise protection headphones.	ОК
•	HEAD ORIENTATION Recommended: Inform the patient not to turn her/his head.	ОК
•	EXTERNAL COMPONENTS  Remove audio processor and accessories before entering the scanner room.	ОК
•	OPTIONAL: HEAD BANDAGE A head bandage over the implant is not needed.	□ ок
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•	PATIENT POSITIONING  NOTE: When lower extremities are to be examined, it is recommended that patient's legs are positioned in the scanner first.	□ок
•	OPERATING MODE  Recommended: Run sequences in "Normal Operating Mode".  NOTE: Max. 3.2 W/kg for Head scans, 2.0 W/kg for Whole-Body scans	□ ок

Please also refer to the webpage www.medel.com/bci601-isi

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