



# spotlight on health

## Breaking Sound Barriers

(NAPSA)—Are you, or is your child, among the more than a quarter of a million Americans with a severe-to-profound hearing loss? If so, even the strongest hearing aids may not help. The good news is that now, thanks to a new advance in cochlear implant technology, you may be able to achieve a hearing level that is more similar to natural hearing.

The Nucleus Freedom, a proven medical device that can improve hearing for those with a severe-to-profound hearing loss, was recently approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The device is the first cochlear implant system to offer SmartSound, a combination of three unique sound technologies that enable better hearing in everyday listening situations. Like natural hearing, the Nucleus Freedom automatically distinguishes important sounds from



mere distractions. It also reduces background noise and enhances soft sounds to make listening clearer than ever before. The device also has the first and only water-resistant sound processor, so you can walk in the rain or participate in activities around water without worry.

To see whether you are a candidate for the Nucleus Freedom, talk to your doctor. For more information on the device, visit [www.cochlearamericas.com](http://www.cochlearamericas.com) or call 800-587-6910.