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Questions refer to Dwyer et al, "Contralateral Routing of Signal Yields Significant Speech in Noise Benefit for Unilateral Cochlear Implant Recipients," 235–242.

Learner Outcomes:

Readers of this article should be able to:

- Summarize the impact of CROS on speech understating in cochlear implant listeners when speech originates from various azimuths.
- Identify how the magnitude of the head or face shadow might serve as a clinical tool in this population of patients.

CEU Questions:

- 1. After receiving a second implant, appreciable benefit is largely due to:
 - a. summation effects
 - b. overcoming the head shadow effect
 - c. binaural squelch (or binaural unmasking of speech)
- 2. In unilateral CI recipients, it is generally agreed upon that CROS overcomes the negative effects of the head shadow by:
 - a. increasing the effective SNR when the signal of interest originates from the side of the *poorer* hearing ear.
 - b. increasing the effective SNR when the signal of interest originates from the side of the <u>better</u> hearing ear.
 - c. increasing the effective SNR when the signal of interest originates from the front of the listener.
- 3. Which statement *best* reflects CROS outcomes in the current literature?
 - a. CROS is detrimental to speech understanding when noise is presented to the CI ear.
 - CROS improves speech recognition in quiet for unilateral listeners.
 - c. CROS benefit has been mixed.
- 4. In this study, speech recognition testing was completed:
 - a. immediately after CROS fitting.
 - b. after two weeks chronic use.
 - c. with AzBio sentence materials via monitored live-voice.

- 5. In this study, questionnaires of subjective benefit were administered:
 - a. immediately after CROS fitting
 - b. immediately before CROS evaluation, and after two weeks CROS use
 - c. with the Abbreviated Profile of Hearing Aid Benefit (APHAB)
- 6. The only listening condition that demonstrated statistically significant improvement with the addition of the CROS device was:
 - a. speech recognition in noise with the signal presented to the CI ear.
 - b. speech recognition in noise with the signal presented to the poorer ear.
 - speech recognition in noise with the signal presented to the front of the listener.
- 7. The difference in an individual's ability to recognize speech when it is presented to the front of the listener vs. when it is presented to the CI side is called:
 - a. the head shadow effect
 - b. CROS benefit
 - c. the face shadow effect
- 8. The difference in an individual's ability to recognize speech when it is presented to the listener's CI side vs. when it is presented to the poorer hearing ear is called:
 - a. CROS benefit
 - b. the head shadow effect
 - c. the face shadow effect
- 9. Which of the following was **not** observed?
 - a. A significant correlation between the magnitude of the *head shadow* and CROS benefit for quiet speech (50 dBA) and speech in noise.
 - b. A significant correlation between the magnitude of the *face shadow* and CROS benefit for quiet speech (50 dBA) and speech in noise.
 - c. A significant correlation between the magnitude of the *head shadow* and CROS benefit for conversational level speech (65 dBA).
- 10. With the addition of the CROS device, participants reported significant improvement in which domain of the SSQ12 questionnaire?
 - a. speech hearing
 - b. spatial hearing
 - c. qualities of hearing



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