

## ***Auditory verbal therapy***

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Introduction: Auditory-Verbal Therapy (AVT) is a parental program to provide training and guidance to families of deaf and hard of hearing children (D/HH), with hearing technology, in order to develop listen and spoken language in a natural way<sup>1,2</sup>.

Objectives: The purpose of the presentation is to share the experience between a speech and language therapist and a mother of a D/HH children, user of a Cochlear Implant since 11 months of age, following AVT methodology.

Materials and Methods: the method consist in a discussion through a roundtable.

Results and Discussion: The major gains with the use of AVT by the speech and language therapist was to know which activities and auditory tasks were adequate to use in a daily base, in order to develop spoken language.

Conclusion: Personal experiences are better testimonies of the impact that speech therapy had in promoting the activities, participation and quality of life of the family and children.