First Australian cochlear implant developed at the University of Melbourne Department of Otolaryngology implanted by Professor Graeme Clark into the first patient.

Professor Graeme Clark founds the Bionic Ear Institute to undertake independent research into improvement of the cochlear implant.

A company, later to become Cochlear Pty Ltd, established to commercialise the cochlear implant.

To mark a new era in bionic research and expansion from hearing into brain and vision research, the institute is rebranded as The Bionics Institute.

Brain research expands to incorporate dementia.

First generation epilepsy seizure monitoring device created at the Bionics Institute.

First-in-human clinical trial of vagus nerve stimulation device for Crohn's disease.

First-in-human clinical trials of epiminder device for epilepsy.

First Australian medical research institute to achieve ISO 9001 accreditation.

Peripheral nerve stimulation device adapted for type 2 diabetes, rheumatoid arthritis and bladder control.

Hearing research expands to incorporate infant hearing test EarGenie™, a tinnitus diagnostic tool, nano-particle drug delivery for hearing loss, optogenetics, and continuing research into improving cochlear implants.

Parkinson's disease research commences

Bionic eye research commences

Hearing research expands

Epilepsy research commences

2010 Polyactiva Pty Ltd established

2013 Crohn's disease vagus nerve device research commences

2017 EarGenie™ trademarked

2018 Epi-Minder Pty Ltd established

Second generation bionic eye clinical trial.

Stroke research commences

2018 Epiminder Pty Ltd established


2021 Neo-Bionica Pty Ltd established

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