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Dr. Richard's research focuses on auditory processing, cortical plasticity, and outcomes in children with hearing loss, with particular emphasis on cochlear implantation and early intervention.