



BONE ANCHORED HEARING DEVICE

Postoperative Care Instructions

After 24 Hours:

- Remove the outer cup dressing, if one was placed. You should leave the dressing/healing cap that is over the implant site.
- You may wash your hair carefully, if needed, but keep dressing dry. Using a plastic cup over the dressing while washing the hair in the sink is effective.
- After the outer cup dressing is removed, be careful putting on and taking off pull-over garments so that you do not accidentally catch and pull off the healing cap and dressing.
- If the healing cap and dressing accidentally comes off during the first week, you or a family member may replace the healing cap or call the office for instructions on how to replace it.

One Week after Surgery:

- You should see your physician one week after surgery.
- Your hair and scalp should be washed on the morning of your appointment and the dressing can be damp.
- The dressing will be removed at the office and an additional dressing may be placed but if not you can leave the implant area open to the air. The hair can be washed at this stage unless told otherwise by your surgeon.

One to Five Weeks after Surgery:

- Clean around the titanium abutment daily with soap and water and use a strip of alcohol-free wet wipe, being gentle with the skin. Dry skin completely after cleaning with a clean towel or tissue.

Five Weeks after Surgery and Ongoing Care:

- Continue cleaning around the titanium abutment with soap and water and use a strip of alcohol-free wet wipe, being gentle with the skin. Dry skin completely after cleaning with a clean towel or tissue.
- This should be performed at least 3 times a week, as directed by your physician.
- Fitting of your processor will occur 6 to 12 weeks after surgery by your audiologist at The Hearing Center at Dallas Ear Institute.