

The Ear, Nose and Throat Surgical Associates

Post-Operative Instructions For BAHA Patients

The BAHA converts sound into vibrations that are transmitted to the skull through a titanium post that connects to the skull behind the ear.

1. Leave the head dressing in place until the surgeon removes it at 6-8 days after surgery.
2. Take antibiotics by mouth as prescribed.
3. Pain medication is typically needed for 1-3 days.
4. Numbness of the scalp or ear is not unusual for several weeks.
5. After your first post-op visit, your surgeon will provide further wound care instructions.
 - a. Make a circular gauze to put around the titanium post screw device. Cover this gauze with antibiotic ointment. Place the gauze around the titanium post. Position the plastic healing cap over the gauze to hold the gauze in place.
 - b. Hair washing can usually be done at 2 weeks after surgery.
 - c. The gauze around the titanium post must be changed twice a day and after hair washing until the wound is fully healed.
6. 2 to 5 weeks after surgery, clean around the titanium abutment daily with gentle soap and water or strips of baby wipes. Dry skin carefully.
7. 5 Weeks and On-going Cleaning Routine Recommendations:
Five weeks and longer after surgery, continue to clean around the abutment with a soft Entific cleaning brush and gentle soap. This type of cleaning should take place at a minimum of 2 to 3 times per week in addition to regular cleaning of the area while washing your hair.