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Surgery for Osseo Integrated Implant (BAHA)

Post-Operative Instructions

1. Remove outer dressing after 2 days but keep the dressing that is directly over implant.
2. Sleep with your head elevated for the next 2-3 days.
3. Do **NOT** shampoo your hair until the implant dressing is removed in 10-14 days. You may take a bath during this time.
4. Do **NOT** swim or dive until cleared by your surgeon.
5. Take your prescribed scheduled medications as instructed by your surgeon or until your surgeon discontinues them.
6. Please call your surgeon if you have the following:
 - Ear drainage that turns to pus or saturates more than 12 cotton balls per day
 - Clear, watery drainage from your incision or nose
 - Worsening pain in or around the ear
 - Pain, cramping, or swelling in the legs
 - Redness, swelling or infected drainage from your incision
 - Severe headache or neck stiffness
 - Fevers greater than or equal to 101°F
7. Pain: Some degree of pain and tenderness is expected after surgery. This usually originates in spasm of the jaw and neck muscles that are moved during the surgery. Movement of any of these muscles will aggravate the pain. Pain should be controlled with oral acetaminophen, ibuprofen, or if needed, the prescription narcotic pain medication given to you at the time of surgery. Follow the instructions that come with the prescription closely. Significant pain should decrease over 3-7 days following surgery.
8. Numbness of ear: Temporary loss of sensation in and around the ear is common following surgery.
9. Jaw symptoms: Muscles of mastication are in the surgical area. Pain when chewing and moving the jaw as well as stiffness of the jaw joint can be encountered after ear surgery. It usually subsides within weeks after surgery.
10. Unless instructed otherwise, please **RESUME** Aspirin and/or blood thinners the day after surgery as long as you are **NOT** actively bleeding.

If you have any questions or concerns following this procedure, please call our office at (904)880-0911.