



POSTOPERATIVE CARE OF THE PATIENT FOLLOWING BAHA PLACEMENT

Medications

Pain medication: Take medication as prescribed only on an as-needed basis. Do not drive or operate machinery while using narcotics. Avoid taking medication on an empty stomach. You may receive better pain relief by alternating the narcotic pain medicine with up to 800 mg of ibuprofen every four hours as needed or Tylenol 500–1000 mg every six hours as needed.

Antibiotic: Start the antibiotic the evening you go home from surgery and take it until the prescription is finished. Avoid taking it on an empty stomach.

- BAHA ATTRACT:** You may clean the exposed incision with some peroxide and apply antibiotic ointment for the first couple of days. You may get the incision wet after one week. Your sutures are dissolvable and will begin to fall out one to two weeks after surgery. Avoid lying on the operative ear for one week after surgery. Call the office if you have a temperature over 100.3 degrees; your incision is red, swollen or coming apart; you have excessive drainage from your ear or incision; or you have clear fluid draining from your ear, incision or nose. Do not wait until your next office appointment to report any problems or questions. The office number is 478-743-8953.
- BAHA CONNECT:** Please follow the instructions listed in the BAHA welcome kit. You may clean the exposed incision with some peroxide and apply antibiotic ointment for the first couple of days. On the seventh post-op day, you may remove the healing cap while you shower or bathe and then replace it when finished. Keep the area dry until the seventh day! It is important that the healing cap stays on the abutment so that the skin does not grow over the abutment until you start wearing the processor. Always wash your hands before and after contact with your incision. The kit includes wipes (Salvequick) to clean your BAHA incision site. Beginning on the seventh postoperative day, you may start using the provided wipes.

Five weeks and ongoing routine recommendations for **BAHA CONNECT:**

Continue to clean around the abutment with gentle soap. This type of cleaning should take place at minimum two to three times a week in addition to regular cleaning of the area while washing your hair.

Please contact our office at 478-743-8953 if you have any questions or concerns.