

POST OP BAHA (BONE ANCHORED HEARING AID)

1. You will come out of surgery with a dressing shaped like a hat. Keep that on until the second day after surgery, then remove it. You can shower after this dressing comes off. **DO NOT** get incision wet.
2. After you have removed the outer hat, you will see the quarter-sized “healing cap” covering the abutment. Leave this until you see Dr. Ojo in 1 week and at that time she will remove it. The incision is behind this healing cap and may be covered by the pink dressing. If you can see the incision, you can clean the incision by using a cotton swab dipped in hydrogen peroxide twice a day until it has healed. Too much hydrogen peroxide can be irritating to the surrounding skin. Apply a small amount of Bactroban ointment to the incision after cleansing.
3. Follow-up with Dr. Ojo 1 week after surgery unless directed otherwise. This appointment is scheduled for you prior to surgery.
4. Avoid bending or heavy lifting (over 20 pounds) for three weeks following surgery.
5. You may experience oozing and drainage from the incision. This is normal and cleaning it with hydrogen peroxide and water is all you need to do. Numbness and occasional sharp shooting pains are not unusual for as much as several months after surgery.
6. Driving is permitted if you are not experiencing dizziness or fatigue and you are no longer taking pain medication.
7. You should make an appointment with your audiologist for 2 months after surgery for a “hearing aid orientation” which is the day you will receive the external device.

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY, please contact Dr. Ojo at **201.816.9800**