



Postoperative instructions for bone anchored hearing aid (Attract/Magnet)

- You will have a special plastic and gauze dressing following surgery that is situated around the operated ear and your head (called a Glasscock Dressing). This protects the ear and provides gentle but consistent pressure to prevent bruising.
- Do not remove the outer dressing until 24-48 hours after surgery or as instructed by your surgeon.
- Your incision will typically be closed with either absorbable sutures (stitches) or a specialized skin glue. Both dissolve on their own and do not need to be removed. You may remove crusts, if they should form, with either a clean, damp cloth or a cotton ball with peroxide. Avoid excessive rubbing, scrubbing, or picking at the incision. It is ok to get this area wet 72 hours (3 days) after your surgery date.
- To keep the ear dry, hair may be washed in a sink or the wound can be covered with clear plastic wrap.
- You may be able to feel the implant (a disk-like magnet) under the skin. This is normal.
- Numbness around the surgery site is normal and expected. This may persist for a few weeks or months.
- The hearing aid portion of the device may be used once cleared by your surgeon. Typically this is about one month following surgery.
- Avoid lifting >30lbs, bending over, twisting, or strenuous activities for at least 2 weeks after surgery or until cleared by your surgeon. Jostling activities such as contact sports, jogging, weight lifting, etc...should be avoided until cleared by your surgeon.

If you experience these symptoms after surgery, you should call your doctor's office:

- Excessive bloody drainage from the incision or swelling behind / above your ear.
- Any sign of infection such as increasing pain, yellow drainage, or swelling.
- Fevers in excess of 102 degrees.

Never hesitate to call the surgeon's office if you have questions about your postoperative progress.