

Preparation for a bone-anchored hearing aid (BAHA)

After the operation

Discomfort

You may be given pain killers to take home with you. Take these regularly at first. Otherwise, if you experience any discomfort, mild pain killers such as paracetamol may be taken. Please follow the instructions on the packet.

Wound

The wound will be dressed with a light head bandage and gauze. We ask you to remove both on the day after surgery, at home.

Under this the wound will be covered with a plastic "healing cap" attached to the metal pin, and under the cap is ribbon gauze soaked in a yellow solution, which may be blood stained. You should leave this undisturbed until your outpatient appointment. If the dressing starts to unravel, you can trim the excess ribbon gauze.

You can experience light oozing from the wound for a day or two; this is completely normal.

You can bath/shower after the operation but do not get your hair or wound wet. You must not wash your hair until after your outpatient appointment.

Follow up

You will be given (or sent) an appointment to be seen in the ENT Department 2 weeks after the operation.

Further advice

If you need further advice please contact:

Day Surgery Unit 01722 336262 ext: 4550 between 7.30am and 7pm.
After 7pm contact Downton Ward on 01722 336262 ext 2182
Your GP or NHS 111 (24 hours a day, calls are free from landlines and mobile phones.).



If you need your information in another language or medium (audio, large print, etc) please contact Customer Care on 0800 374 208 or send an email to: customer-care@salisbury.nhs.uk

You are entitled to a copy of any letter we write about you. Please ask if you want one when you come to the hospital.

Please complete The Friends & Family Test to tell us about your experience at: www.salisbury.nhs.uk/FriendsFamily or download our App from the Apple App store or Google Play Store.

The evidence used in the preparation of this leaflet is available on request. Please email: patient.information@salisbury.nhs.uk if you would like a reference list.

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