



## **BONE ANCHORED HEARING AID**

### Postoperative Care and Planning

#### The First 48 hours:

- Do not remove the outer large dressing until 48 hours after surgery.
- Try to avoid movement of the dressing during this period.
- After 48 hours, remove the outer cup dressing and leave the dressing under the cup bandage that is over the implant site in place.
- You may wash your hair carefully, if needed, but keep dressing dry. Using a plastic cup over the dressing while washing the hair in the sink is effective.
- After the outer dressing is removed be careful about putting on and taking off pull-over garments so that you do not accidentally catch and pull off the cap and dressing.
- If the cap and dressing accidentally comes off during the first week call the office or physician on call for instructions on how to replace it.

#### One week after Surgery:

- You should see your physician one week after implantation.
- Your hair and scalp should be washed on the morning of your appointment and the dressing can be damp.
- The dressing will be removed at the office and an additional dressing may be placed. The healing cap should continue to be worn whether a dressing is replaced or not.

#### Two weeks after Surgery:

- If a dressing was placed at the one week visit you will return to have it removed or you will be instructed on how to do so yourself. The hair can be washed and the implant site may be wet at this stage.
- The healing cap should continue to be worn throughout the day and night except while washing the hair.

#### Two to five weeks after surgery:

- Clean around the titanium abutment daily with soap and water or strips of baby wipes, being gentle with the skin. Dry skin completely after cleaning.

#### Five weeks after surgery and ongoing care:

- Continue cleaning around titanium abutment daily with the toothbrush that was provided or with an extra soft toothbrush.
- This should be performed at least 3 times a week, as directed by your physician.
- Fitting of your processor will occur 6 to 12 weeks after surgery by your Dallas Ear Institute audiologist.