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Manchester Royal Infirmary



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The following will help to explain what will happen following your operation:

1. Antibiotics are routinely given during on the day of surgery and post op doses are prescribed to take home. Further antibiotics are not required.
2. Some dull ear pain is expected. Paracetamol or ibuprofen will be given as needed and these will relieve any discomfort.
3. You should not wash your hair for 7 days after the operation, and try to keep the incision clean and dry for one week. The best way to avoid getting the ear wet while washing your hair is to ask someone else to wash it while you protect the ear.
4. You may have a sticky dressing over the wound. This will peel off itself or will be removed by the surgeon at the post-operative check.
5. If any of the following should occur, please call the implant unit on the number below (Monday to Friday: 9.00 am to 5.00 pm). Tel: (0161) 701 6931.
 - Worsening pain
 - Fever or high temperature (above 38°C/100°F)
 - Pus from the ear or incision
 - Redness around the incision
 - Swelling around the incision or over the implant (behind and above the ear)

If you have a problem out of hours you will need to see an out of hours GP or go to the Accident and Emergency Department.

6. Some people feel dizzy or off-balance and may be sick after the operation. If this is the case, you will be given some anti-sickness tablets to take home that will help your symptoms. The symptoms usually get better over the first few days.
7. Sometimes people find their tinnitus (ringing in the ear) gets worse after the operation. This usually settles within a few weeks.
8. Because the nerve for taste passes through your ear, it is not unusual for your taste sensation to be altered for several weeks or months. You may experience a 'tinny' or 'metallic taste'. This usually settles over a few weeks.
9. You may experience some numbness in your outer ear and the incision area. This is normal, and most of the numbness will be expected to fade over a period of time.
10. You may need to take about two weeks off work.
11. Appointments will be made for a check-up with the surgeon and an x-ray about a week after the operation.
12. Activation of the implant will be arranged about four weeks after the operation.
13. We recommend that you wait 4 weeks after surgery before going swimming or participating in sports activities. This gives the soft tissues time to heal.
14. Further safety advice about cochlear implants is available on the British Cochlear Implant Group website at: www.bcig.org.uk/safety

If you have any concerns please contact the cochlear implant office on (0161) 701 6931 or e-mail auditory.implant@mft.nhs.uk

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For advice and support on how to give up smoking, go to www.nhs.uk/smokefree.

Translation and Interpretation Service

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