

## Post Operative Care Following Osteointegrated Implant/BAHA Surgery

**Brian Duff, MD.**

1. Please call Dr. Duff's office at **401-885-8484**, to make an appointment, to be seen 4-8 days after your surgery, if it has not already been scheduled.
2. Leave the cup dressing in place for the first 24 hours following surgery.
3. After 24 hours, the Velcro straps can be removed and the outer dressing may be discarded.
4. **Leave the small white plastic button in place.** – this serves to keep the underlying gauze intact. If the button becomes dislodged, you may replace it by snapping it directly onto the metal abutment. If unsuccessful, contact Dr. Duff's office.
5. Do not remove the gauze dressing directly over the operative site. **It will become crusted with blood but should be left in place until it is removed by Dr. Duff at the first postoperative visit.**
6. A small amount of bloody drainage may be expected for the first 24 hours following surgery.
7. **Keep the operative site dry at all times.** You may shower and wash your hair by shielding the operative site using a glass or a cup.
8. Numbness in the scalp immediately above the surgical site is quite normal and may take several months to completely resolve.

**Should any problems or questions arise, please call University Otolaryngology 24 hours a day**