

COCHLEAR IMPLANT SURGERY

DISCHARGE INSTRUCTIONS



Patients may go home next day of the surgery.

They can have light meal (clear fluid) soon after they are a wake then progress to normal diet.

Expect to have:

- Bloody ear or nose discharge for the first post operative days
- Swelling around the wound that could extend anterior to the pinna or under the eyes
- Mild pain which can be controlled by pain killer.

Avoid:

Water to reach the wound for at least
5 days and in side the ear canal until
the physician allow it.

You might need:

- Antibiotics (follow the pharmacy instruction)
- Pressure dressing over the head which will be removed on the next day
- Mastoid X-ray to insure the electrode position.
- Suture removal after 1 week from the surgery if it is not an absorbable suture.

Any CI patient should inform the health care giver about the device in case of :

- MRI (because it is contraindicated depend on the MRI type.
- Future surgery to avoid using monopolar cauterization that could affect the device.

Visiting the emergency room required if patient have:

- Fever higher than 38.5 °C
- Headache, Loss of appetite, Nausea or Vomiting.
- Pain and redness with pus discharge from the ear.
- Facial weakness
- Pain and swelling around the device
- Persist unsteadiness.

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