

# Phase I & II surgery implant supported prosthesis

## Phase I surgery

It is important for the healing process that the following directions be followed after the first surgery

- A pressure dressing will be placed over the area of surgery. Do not disturb this dressing or attempt to remove it.
- Use an additional pillow to elevate the head while sleeping for the first 3-4 days
- Do not wash or contaminate the area of surgery for 2-4 weeks
- Do NOT wear any old prostheses. Only resume wearing a prosthesis with the surgeon's permission
- Return for dressing and suture removal as instructed by the surgeon



## Phase II surgery

Once the abutments have been connected through the skin at the second stage surgery, it is important for healing that you do the following:

- Do not attempt to remove or disturb the dressing. The surgeon will arrange to change the dressing
- When sleeping, use an additional pillow to elevate the head
- Once the dressing has been removed, use a cotton tipped applicator to lightly clean around the abutments daily. Do this very gently. The cotton tipped applicator may be moistened with a water or saline solution
- Apply topical antibiotic ointment as directed by the surgeon.
- After 2-3 weeks, the hygiene procedures to be used will be reviewed with you



Dressing



Cleaning with cotton tipped applicator

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