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Cochlear Implant Surgery

The cochlear implant surgery generally takes about 4 hours and requires a one-night stay in hospital. General anesthesia is administered in the operating room and hair behind the ear is shaved. This will take about two weeks to start growing back, but it is usually easily covered by the remaining hair. You will have a bandage on your head for one night while in the hospital. Most patients do not experience much pain following the surgery. Many patients are dizzy or off balance for a few days after surgery. Most patients are ready to return to usual activities (school or work) in 1-2 weeks. The internal device is guaranteed for 10 years by the company. Less than 1% have a malfunction that requires replacement.

You will be seen by the surgeon one week to ten days after your surgery to check the incision. Activation of the device by the audiologist will take place in 5-8 weeks after the surgery.