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## **BONE ANCHORED HEARING DEVICE**

Your physician recommended a bone anchored hearing device as an option to help with your hearing loss. A bone anchored device is a device that uses vibrations in the skull to transmit sound to the inner ear, bypassing the outer and middle ear.

To learn more about the Ponto and Sentio systems, please visit: <a href="www.oticonmedical.com">www.oticonmedical.com</a>
To learn more about the Osia system, please visit: <a href="www.cochlear.com">www.cochlear.com</a>

## What are the steps for determining candidacy for a bone anchored hearing device and for scheduling a bone anchored surgery?

- 1. Initial appointment with an ENT physician
- 2. Audiologic evaluation (hearing test)
- 3. Bone anchored consultation (and consultation for any other recommended options) with an Audiologist as well as take-home demo
- 4. Follow-up appointment with the Audiologist and return demo device(s)
- 5. ENT follow-up and sign surgical consents.
- 6. Schedule your surgery

\*All steps must be met for bone anchored hearing device surgery to be scheduled. Most bone anchored devices and fees are covered by insurance – subject to insurance company.

## What are the steps for the post-surgical follow-up process?

- 1. First post-op visit with your ENT
- 2. Second post-op visit with your ENT (typically 1 3 months following surgery)
- 3. Fitting appointment with your Audiologist for programming when medically cleared by ENT
- 4. Continued care for your bone anchored device with your Audiologist