

SLIM TUBE HEARING AIDS CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS

Why do I need to clean my hearing aid?

It is important that you keep the earpiece clean and free from wax. The easiest way to do this is to wipe over the bit that goes in your ear with a tissue every day. The tubing in your hearing aid is extremely narrow and will block easily with wax. Should this happen your hearing aid will not work properly, or you may get no sound at all. If your hearing aid stops working, wax in the tube is one of the most common problems. You may not be able to see the wax, but using the green wire to clean the tube will solve the problem.

Changing the Domes

The domes on hearing aids need to be cleaned to remove wax. They can be wiped over with a damp cloth. They will also need to be replaced every 3-6 months or as often as you replace your slim tubes. To remove the dome firmly grip the end and pull. These can then be thrown away and another can be placed on the end with a gentle push.



Unblocking the Slim tube

If you get wax blocking the tube, this can be cleaned out with the green wire you were given at your fitting appointment. Your Audiologist will have shown you how to do this.

- Unscrew the clear tube from the hearing aid. The tube is very delicate, so make sure you hold the thicker bit closest to the hearing aid.
- Insert the green wire into the top of the clear tube and keep threading this through until it comes out the other end. This should push out any wax that was blocking the tube.
- Reattach the tube to the hearing aid. If you have 2 hearing aids, make sure you do one at a time to ensure you reconnect the correct tube to aid. (there is a coloured number on the tube, red for right and blue for left, but this is very small and difficult to see)



Unscrew here and insert the green cleaning wire from this end towards the ear tip

Slim tubes should be replaced every 6 months or sooner if they become kinked and spares can be obtained from Maidstone Audiology Department.

- Cleaning the tubes can be fiddly to do. Hi Kent can give assistance with this, and stock some sizes to replace tubes. See the Hi Kent leaflet for details of local clinics, or contact Hi Kent on 01622 691151, www.hikent.org.uk.

If you have any questions about cleaning your hearing aid you can contact us by phone or e-mail - Telephone – 01622 226198

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