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|  | 3 months after surgery (n = 99) | | Latest audiogram  (n = 53) | |
| Postoperative bone conduction  at latest audiogram | n | % | n | % |
| Overclosure | 44 | 44.4% | 22 | 41.5% |
| No change | 48 | 48.5% | 27 | 50.9% |
| Sensorineural hearing loss > 10 dB | 7 | 7.1% | 3 | 5.7% |
| Dead ear | 0 | 0% | 1 | 1.9% |
| Total | 99 | 100% | 53 | 100% |

**Appendix 1. Postoperative changes in bone conduction.**

Three months after surgery, overclosure was present in 44 of 99 patients (44.4%). A deterioration in perception of more than 10 dB was observed in 7 of 99 patients (7.1%). In these 7 patients, the drop in PTA0.5-2kHz averaged to 18.8 dB. One case of total deafness was observed 3 years after surgery.