



POSTOP INSTRUCTIONS

EAR TUBE INSERTION

NORMAL POSTOP COMPLAINTS

- Drainage of middle ear fluid for 2 to 3 days. May be clear, reddish, or bloody.
- Some fussiness or low-grade fever.
- Nausea, vomiting, and/or fatigue for a few hours.
- Frightened by normal sounds, which may sound louder due to the immediate improvement in hearing.

CALL OUR OFFICE IF YOU NOTICE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING

**OFFICE TELEPHONE # 727-329-5400
SURGICAL EMERGENCIES # 727-562-6858**

- Persistent nausea or vomiting.
- Drainage of middle ear fluid beyond 4 days.
- Fever greater than 102 degrees that does not respond to Acetaminophen (Tylenol) or Ibuprofen (Advil/Motrin).

HOME CARE INSTRUCTIONS

- Begin with a clear liquid diet and progress to normal as your child feels like eating.
- If prescribed ear drops, be aware that the drops may cause a burning sensation for some children; if this persists call the doctor's office.
- If your child has ear drainage after the initial 4 postop days and while the ear tubes are still in place please call our office.
- Schedule a post-operative appointment in 3 weeks for a repeat hearing test.
- To provide continuity of care, a post-operative appointment will be required every 4-6 months while the PE tubes remain in the ear.

Notes/Questions:
