

Postoperative Ear Tube (Adult) Instructions

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Contact Information:

- **Glacier Ear Nose and Throat - (406) 752-8330**
 - 9am to 5pm, Monday-Friday
 - After 5 pm and weekends, an "on call" provider is available.
- **The HealthCenter - (406) 751-7550**

When should I call my doctor?

- If I am worried, my doctor is worried! I will call my doctor's office.
- If I see signs of infection around the surgical site, like redness, warmth, drainage, pain and swelling or a fever above 101.5 degrees, I will call my doctor's office.
- If I am short of breath or have chest pain with no activity, I will call my doctor's office.

What should I expect after surgery?

- You may see a small amount of pink or clear fluid from my ears for 7 days after surgery.
- You may see a small amount of bleeding.

When will I see my doctor?

- I need to have a follow-up appointment with my doctor in 2 - 4 weeks after surgery.

What about my pain?

- I will have very little discomfort.
- I may use over the counter Ibuprofen or Tylenol.

How do I care for my surgical site?

- I will use 5 drops of antibiotic ear drops to both my ears twice daily for 5 days.
- I will place cotton or ear plugs in my ear and seal with Vaseline when washing my hair for 3 days after surgery.
- I may use cotton in my ear if there is bleeding and change it as needed.
- I will NOT use Q-tips in my ears.
- I am allowed to swim after 3 days.
 - If I swim in clean water, like a pool, or go in a bathtub, I do not need ear plugs.
 - If I swim in lakes or rivers, I should use ear plugs.

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