

Postoperative Ear Tube (Pediatric) 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 you are worried, your doctor is worried! You should call your doctor's office.
- If your child has a fever above 101.5 degrees in the first 5 days, call the doctor.
- If your child does not drink or eat for 24 hours or more, call your doctor.
- If your child has signs of dehydration, like a dry, sticky mouth or is not peeing much, call your doctor.

What should I expect after surgery?

- You may see a small amount of pink or clear fluid from his/her ear(s) for 7 days after surgery.
- You may see a small amount of bleeding.

When will my child see the doctor?

- Your child needs to have a follow-up appointment with the doctor in 2 - 4 weeks after surgery.

What about my child's pain?

- He/she will have very little discomfort.
- You may give your child over the counter Ibuprofen or Tylenol.

How do I care for my child's surgical site?

- Use 3 to 5 drops of antibiotic ear drops to both ears 2 or 3 times a day for 5 days after surgery.
- Place cotton or ear plugs in the ears and seal with Vaseline when washing his/her hair for 3 days after surgery.
- Place a cotton ball in the outer part of the ears if there is bleeding and change it as needed.
- Do NOT use Q-tips in the ears.
- Your child is allowed to swim 3 days after surgery.
 - If he/she swims in clean water, like a pool, or goes in a bathtub, he/she does not need ear plugs.
 - If he/she swims in lakes or rivers, he/she should use ear plugs.

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