

Post-operative Instructions for Ear Tubes

- You should be given a bottle of antibiotic ear drops after the surgery. Apply 5 drops to each ear twice a day for 7 days. It may help to warm the bottle as you would for a bottle of milk to make them more comfortable in the ear canal. When you give the drops, pump on the tab in front of the ear canal to be sure the drops go down the canal.
- Blood-tinged drainage is normal for the first 3-5 days. If the drainage persists beyond 7 days then call the office during regular office hours.
- Ear tubes usually do not hurt. However, if your child had other procedures such as removal of tonsils and/or adenoids, then they may experience ear pain. (Refer to other post-operative instructions). If your child is fussy or irritable you may give Tylenol or Motrin as needed.
- Fever is common for the first 3-5 days. Tylenol or Motrin may be given as needed.
- Keep your follow-up appointment. This should be about 2 weeks after surgery and should include a hearing test.
- Call the office if you have any other questions or concerns.
- Our office number is (972)253-4250.