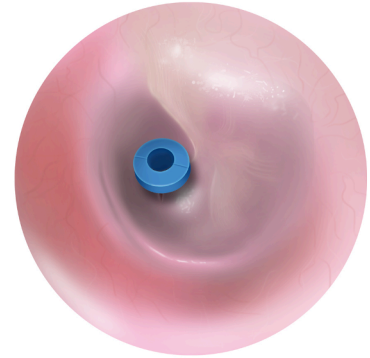


## EAR TUBE SURGERY GUIDE



Thank you for trusting us with the care of your child. These instructions are to help after your child has undergone surgical placement of bilateral myringotomy tubes ("ear tubes"). If you questions, please call us.

### **How long does the surgery take?**

The surgery itself takes about 5-10 minutes and is done under light anesthesia in the operating room.

### **How will my child recover from surgery?**

Most children are back to normal 2-3 hours after surgery is complete. Most children have minimal if any pain and in fact many feel relief as the pressure and infection is often removed. If your child has pain, Children's Tylenol or Motrin are acceptable as needed.

### **What should my child do on the day of surgery?**

Often children are groggy or sleep for a few hours after the procedure, but many are rapidly back to normal. We recommend children to take it limit activity to light activity for the day of surgery.

### **Do we use ear drops after ear tube placement?**

Dr. Whitley prefers children to antibiotic ear drops (e.g. Ciprodex), 4-5 drops twice a day for 5 days fter surgery. Sometimes we make the decision to avoid the drops, but Dr. Whitley will inform you of this if needed.

### **Do I have to keep the ears dry after surgery?**

Dr. Whitley prefers the ears to stay dry for 48 hours after ear tube surgery. Your child can either skip bathing for that time period or use ear plugs.

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