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POST OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS MYRINGOTOMY & TUBE PLACEMENT

1. The initial follow-up visit is scheduled with the doctor 2 weeks following surgery.
2. A small amount of bloody drainage is not unusual during the first few days after the operation. Brisk bleeding should be reported to the doctor.
3. Tylenol should be sufficient for postoperative discomfort.
4. Ear infections after tube placement can occur. Foul smelling drainage, ear pain, bleeding, or fever should alert one to the possibility of an ear infection. Call our phone nurse at 864-278-1440 if you see drainage from the ears.
5. Patients are required to follow up with their ear, nose, and throat physician every 6 months for routine tube checks. These are extremely important to make sure that the tubes are functioning properly and that there are no complications related to placement of ventilation tubes. It is the patient's or parent's responsibility to make sure that they keep these tube check appointments.
6. Never put any object or liquid (other than that prescribed by your doctor) into your ears.
7. Most ear tubes are temporary (lasting between 6 and 18 months) and fall out on their own. If a tube is noticed in the ear canal, it should be removed by the doctor at your routine appointment.

After Hours Number – 1-800-925-1318