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EAR TUBE POSTOPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

It is normal to have some bloody drainage on the cotton balls in the ears after tube surgery.

Avoid water in the ears after tube surgery. If taking a bath, place cotton balls with Vaseline or silicone ear plugs at the entrance to the ear canal. Swimming pools with and shower water will not usually bother the ears. Soapy bath water and water from lakes, rivers, and the ocean should be kept out of the ears. If diving in swimming pools, ear plugs, special headbands, or swim caps should be used.

Ear drops have been prescribed. Use the drops as directed by Dr. Tatar, if there is draining seen from the ears.

Ear tubes usually stay in the ear for around a year. The ear drum hole will close and slowly push out the tube.

Dr. Tatar will examine the ears in 1-2 weeks and every three months until the tubes come out.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS CALL DR. TATAR 410-799-3940