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How to Care for Your Child's Ear Tubes

Ear tubes help protect your child from ear infections, build-up of middle ear fluid behind the ear drum, and the hearing problems that go along with these issues. Most tubes last 6-18 months, allowing most children to outgrow their ear problems as the head and ear canal tubes grow in size. Most tubes fall out by themselves. The chance of the tube falling inside is very rare.

Tubes that do not come out after two years need to be removed by your doctor to prevent further complications such as increased risk of permanent perforation, chronic ear drainage and infection, or development of cholesteatoma (abnormal tissue). After two years the likelihood that the tube will fall out on its own without surgical removal is very low.

The hearing may be checked prior to ear tube placement to establish a baseline and SHOULD ALWAYS be performed after the procedure to determine the hearing has returned to normal.

Ear Tubes and Water Precautions

Some children with ear tubes may wish to wear ear plugs when swimming or with water exposure based on patient comfort. The ear plugs may keep water out of the ear canal and out of the ear tube. However, water does not usually go through the tube during swimming and therefore ear plugs are not necessary for most children.

If the water is clean (chlorinated) pool or shower/bath/tub there is no danger if there is a small amount that enters the ear. There may be an increased risk of infection with dirty water such as that from a lake or ocean.

Although most children with tubes do not require ear plugs to wear, they may be preferred in the following situations:

- Pain or discomfort when water enters the ear canal
- Drainage or discharge – current or frequent leads
- Swimming in more than 4 feet of water or diving (increased pressure may push more water through the tube)
- Swimming in lakes, oceans or non-chlorinated pools
- If dunking head in deep water in the tub

A variety of soft, fitted ear plugs are available, if needed, as are special neoprene headbands to cover the ears. NEVER use items from home to place into the ear as it may become trapped and require surgical removal. Once the tube falls out and the ear drum has healed, no further use of ear plugs is necessary.