

After your child's ear tube placement...

it's **ok** to have these:

but **call** about these:

Ear drainage

May occur any time tubes are in place
May be bloody for first 2-3 days

Ear pain

May last for 2-3 days

Ear popping/cracking

When burping, yawning, or chewing
Disappears after a few days

Things sound loud

From your child hearing normally again

Ears feel different

Child may tug at ears for a few days



Dizziness

Feelings of motion or spinning

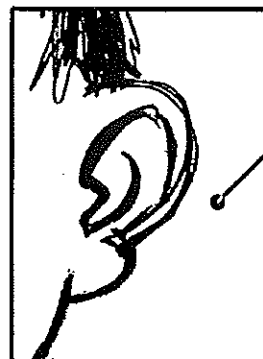
Hearing loss

High fever or chills

Greater than 102°F

Ear drainage lasting longer than 7 days

May be foul smelling or yellow in color



Tube in ear canal

While the tubes are in place:

- The tubes are not painful, but your child may touch his or her ears because they feel different at first. Please don't worry; your child cannot reach or knock out the tubes.
- Remember to keep ears dry as directed by your doctor.

Tube check-ups:

- Please schedule an office visit soon after the surgery to have your child's tubes and hearing checked.
- Regular check-ups at ~~4~~⁶ months and every 6 months after that while the tubes are in place are important for proper tube function. These appointments should be scheduled and kept even if your child is having no problems.

If there is ear drainage:

- Ear drainage may occur during a cold or in the rare case that water passes through the tube into the middle ear.
- Do not panic if you see drainage, even if it is bloody, since there is little danger to your child's ears or hearing.
- Instead, place cotton into ear canal to absorb the drainage and change often. Use an ear plug or cotton sealed in with Vaseline while bathing to keep out water. Avoid swimming until ear has been dry for at least 48 hours.
- Persistent ear drainage is treated as a regular ear infection with antibiotic ear drops or antibiotics by mouth for 3-5 days.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

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Day on weekends, call
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To be connected to ENT physician on call

So your child just had
ear tubes placed...



*Here are some important
things to know*