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## **Ear Tube Instructions**

- **Use Tylenol (Acetaminophen) as needed for ear pain or discomfort.**
  
- **Use the prescribed antibiotic drops, 3 drops in each ear 3 times a day for 3 days in each ear as follows:**
  1. **Lay patient down or have head on your shoulder with ear turned up.**
  2. **Gently pull ear back to open ear canal.**
  3. **Place drops in ear canal and gently massage ear for a couple of seconds.**
  4. **Wait 2 or 3 minutes before placing drops in the other ear.**
  
- **Don't worry about bloody drainage from the ear in the first few days after surgery. The drops will help keep any of this drainage from clogging the ear tube.**
  
- **Call Dr Cannon's office or the Nurse Advice Unit (after hours) if increasing ear pain or pus is seen draining from the ear after 3 days.**
  
- **Return for follow-up visit as scheduled about 3 weeks after surgery.**
  
- **Please keep water out of ears (use earplugs if necessary) at least until your first postoperative appointment.**
  
- **Dr Cannon's office (909) 862-1191 x 5470 or 5471**
- **Nurse Advice Unit (909) 862-1191**