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## **Postoperative Instructions: Cartilage Graft Myringoplasty**

- 1. A piece of cartilage is taken from behind the ear and used to repair the tympanic membrane (ear drum) perforation (hole).
- 2. All sutures that are used will dissolve and will not have to be taken out.
- 3. After the surgery it is VERY important that all water be kept out of the ear. Use a gently placed ear plug (like cotton coated in Vaseline or a silicone putty plug obtained at the pharmacy) with all potential water exposure.
- 4. Please call Great Hills ENT (512 258 2300) during business hours if there are any questions or concerns. After hours, please contact the Medical Exchange (512 458 1121) and ask for the ENT doctor on call covering Dr. Brown or Dr. Young.
- 5. Please schedule a follow up appointment for **2 weeks** after the surgery. Please make your follow up appointment as soon as possible to avoid any delay in scheduling.

Surgery Center:
(Please take surgery center brochure with you if one was provided.)
Note: No pre-op labs needed unless ordered at appointment.