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Parotidectomy

Parotidectomy- The removal of the parotid gland. The parotid gland is the largest of the salivary glands and lie just in front of and under the ears.

Post Operative Care: After surgery you will remain in the hospital overnight. This ensures that there are no signs of infection, fluid collection, or bleeding.

Antibiotic ointment twice daily to the suture line helps prevent infection and improve healing. Also, the incision can be cleaned twice daily after 48 hours. Otherwise, keep the incision site clean and dry until follow up.

You will most likely have facial numbness after your surgery. It may be permanent though it often subsides within a few months. You may have some facial weakness after surgery, which usually improves with time.

If you have new problems with difficulty smiling, winking, or drinking fluids, please contact our office at 512-258-2300, or you may contact the Medical Exchange after hours at 512-458-1121.

The hospital will call you 1-2 days prior to your surgery date to **confirm appointment time and to provide pre-operative instructions.**

Please schedule a follow up appointment to be seen **1 week** after surgery. To avoid delay, please make your follow up appointment as soon as you know the date of surgery.

Surgery Center: _____
(Please take your surgery center brochure with you.)

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