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OTITIS MEDIA (MYRINGOTOMY AND PLACEMENT OF TYMPANOSTOMY TUBES)

We have discussed the role of Eustachian Tube Dysfunction (ETD) and the options of continued medical therapy vs. surgical intervention with the placement of ventilating tympanostomy tubes. We have discussed that this is not a cure for the underlying ETD problem but is a treatment alternative. This is a problem that most children generally outgrow but that some children can have continued problems despite medical and surgical intervention requiring additional therapy. Ventilating tubes are temporary and usually fall out after 6 to 18 months.

We have discussed the risks of the surgery including but not limited to the anesthetic, the need for water precautions, the possibility of otorrhea, ear infections, the possibility of a tympanic membrane perforation, cholesteatoma formation, hearing loss and the possible need for additional treatment or surgery including replacement of tubes. We have stressed that this is not a cure for ear infections but that it may diminish the incidence of otitis media. Questions have all been answered.

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