

## Ear Drainage after Tube Placement

- If your child has **ear drainage** (pus, blood or mucus) after surgical placement of tubes, please call us during office hours to get an antibiotic ear drop prescription.
- Follow the instructions on the label and complete the full course of ear drops. This will treat the infection and prevent the tube from getting blocked, allowing them to function properly.
- If the ear canal appears blocked by thick drainage, lightly suction this drainage (do not blow) using a small blue bulb syringe prior to placement of antibiotic ear drops.
- Try to avoid water getting into the ear canal with bathing.
- **Oral antibiotics are not needed for ear drainage.**
- If your child's symptoms do not resolve after a 1 week course of antibiotic ear drops, call our office to schedule an appointment so your child can have their ears suctioned by one of our physicians, as this will help with healing.

