

The Ear, Nose and Throat Surgical Associates

Ventilation Tubes

Ventilation tubes have been inserted in your ears. Many physicians recommend keeping water out of the ears. Water through the tube could potentially cause infection.

When washing your hair, your physician may recommend precautionary measures such as ear plugs or placing a piece of cotton or lamb's wool in the opening of the ear canal and then covering the cotton with Vaseline to form a seal. Soft ear plugs, custom made earmolds or small "snap in" plugs offered in our office may also be used.

We usually see the patient about 2-3 weeks post-operatively and at approximately three to four month intervals thereafter until the tubes come out. If any problems arise, it may be necessary to see the patient more frequently.

It is important to know what the hearing level is before surgery. This is accomplished by a pre-operative audiogram. An equally important diagnostic measure to monitor the patient's hearing after surgery is a post-operative audiogram. Occasionally, there is a need to measure hearing at a later time as well.