



MARYLAND ENT ASSOCIATES
EAR • NOSE • THROAT
FACIAL PLASTIC SURGERY

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Informed Consent for Adult Ear Tube

Purpose of the Surgery

This surgery places a tube in the eardrum to relieve pressure, improve fluid drainage, or treat chronic ear infections.

Alternatives

- Observation and medical management
- Hearing aids if needed
- Repeated antibiotics

Benefits

- Relief from ear pressure and infections
- Improved hearing
- Easier equalization of ear pressure

Risks and Possible Complications

- Ear drainage or infection
- Tube blockage or early fall-out
- Persistent eardrum hole after tube falls out
- Rare: anesthesia risks (if sedation used)

After Surgery

- Quick recovery, often same day
- Some patients notice immediate improvement in pressure
- Follow-up visits are important

Patient Acknowledgment

I understand:

- Why I need this surgery.
- The alternatives.
- The risks, benefits, and possible complications.
- That no outcome can be guaranteed.

I have had the chance to ask questions, and all my questions were answered in a way I understand.

Patient (or Legal Guardian) Signature: _____ Date: _____

Physician/Witness Signature: _____ Date: _____