



**MARYLAND ENT ASSOCIATES**  
**EAR • NOSE • THROAT**  
**FACIAL PLASTIC SURGERY**

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## **Informed Consent for Pediatric Ear Tubes**

### **Purpose of the Surgery**

This surgery places small tubes in the eardrum to improve fluid drainage and reduce ear infections.

### **Alternatives**

- Observation with watchful waiting
- Repeated antibiotics
- Hearing aids if hearing loss is significant

### **Benefits**

- Fewer ear infections
- Improved hearing and speech development
- Better quality of life

### **Risks and Possible Complications**

- Anesthesia risks (since procedure is usually under general anesthesia)
- Ear drainage or infection
- Tube blockage or early fall-out
- Persistent eardrum hole after tube falls out
- Need for repeat surgery

### **After Surgery**

- Quick recovery, often same day
- Normal activity within 24 hours
- Water precautions may be needed
- Tubes usually fall out in 6–18 months

### **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: \_\_\_\_\_