



ENGLEWOOD

EAR NOSE & THROAT

ALLERGY - AUDIOLOGY - FACIAL PLASTICS

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POST-OPERATIVE PAROTIDECTOMY INSTRUCTIONS:

1. You have a drain placed beneath the skin that removes fluid created by the remaining gland. This will stay in place for 5-6 days and will be removed when you see the doctor on your post-op visit. Empty the drain once in the morning for the first 2-4 days. You can stop emptying the drain if less than 20cc appears in the container.
2. Eat soft foods and drink liquids on the opposite side of the surgical site if possible. If the left parotid gland was removed, try to eat on your right side.
3. Take the antibiotics as prescribed for 5 days.
4. Take Tylenol or Tylenol #3 for pain as needed.
5. Your ear and surrounding skin area will be numb for 3-6 months. This is to be expected and is normal.
6. You can take a shower, but try not to let water run directly on the wound. If the incision site gets wet, simply pat it dry.
7. Please call the office if you have any other concerns. Please make an appointment to see the doctor 5 or 6 days after the surgery. Be patient, it takes about one week to fully heal.