

My Planned Care Patient Information Platform

Surgery & Cancer Division – Ear, Nose & Throat (ENT)

Tympanoplasty

Introduction

Your ENT Consultant has recommended a tympanoplasty which is a procedure to close a perforation of the ear drum. The most common symptom of a perforated ear drum is recurring infections and hearing loss.

You will be provided with a written information leaflet that details your specific surgery when you attend the ENT Outpatients Department.

If you do not receive written information please contact the ENT Outpatient Department, on 01270 612206.

Guidance for Patients

Tympanoplasty is usually performed as a short-stay procedure under general anaesthetic

- A skin graft, usually taken from under your skin, is placed under the perforation.
- Surgery is usually performed through an incision behind the ear. This can leave a small scar, but it usually heals well.
- Once the graft is in place, the ear is packed with dressing which is removed after three weeks.
- Your ear may feel blocked for a few weeks', which is completely normal and due to the dressing and fluid accumulation in the ear.
- The graft can take up to 6-8 weeks' to heal, after which a hearing test is performed to confirm the graft is intact.

What should I do if my health is deteriorating?

If you feel your symptoms are deteriorating, please contact your GP or NHS 111 for medical review in the first instance. Your GP will be able to advise if this is something they can support with during your wait or they will be able to contact your ENT team to discuss their findings in more detail and determine a management plan.

Contact Us

Admission Date - Please contact the ENT Scheduling Team 01270 273390