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Post-Operative Instructions - Earlobe Repair

1. A small amount of bleeding following earlobe repair is normal. Using a gauze or a washcloth, apply gentle pressure by slightly pinching both front and back of earlobe between thumb and forefinger. Apply cold compresses for 4 to 5 minutes; this should control any bleeding. If bleeding persists, please notify the office (317-844-7059).
2. You may get the sutures wet the day following the repair. It is important to keep the area clean with the use of hydrogen peroxide followed with a thin layer of Bacitracin ointment. Clean incision at least twice a day for the first 3 days.
3. Abnormal redness, swelling, drainage or pain are signs of infection. Please notify the office if you experience any of these symptoms
4. Sutures will be removed at 5 to 7 days following repair.
5. A 6 month waiting period is suggested before the repaired earlobe can be pierced. We strongly advise against having piercing done by someone other than a physician. Bring a post style earring with you on your piercing appointment.
6. Keep in mind that a repaired earlobe is never as strong as it was prior to injury. Avoid wearing heavy earrings.
7. Call the office with any questions you may have.
8. Take Tylenol or aspirin for any discomfort.

A successful outcome requires your full participation. Post-operative visits are vital to monitor your progress.

If you have any questions or concerns, please give our office a call between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 317-844-7059 Ext. 1417. Thank you.